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## MOSCOW TREATY ANTICLIMAX

### Complications In Bangkok rice talks

Bangkok, February 15.  
A last-minute demand by the Thai Ministry of Commerce today derailed negotiations for a 1950 contract for British purchase of more than 400,000 tons of Thailand rice.  
Reliable sources report that the Commerce Ministry demanded that British agents purchasing territories should appoint Thai firms as agents for handling at least 50 per cent of the rice exports under the contract.  
It is reported that Thai Government representatives had been informed on a high diplomatic level, that the 11th-hour putting forward of this demand was regarded by British quarters as a breach of the most favoured nation provisions in the Anglo-Thai treaty of commerce.  
Britain is also understood to have refused to accede to a price guarantee to protect Thailand from any possible devaluation of sterling.  
Reuter.

### LANDING IN CHINA PROMISED

Taipei, February 15.  
A Nationalist Chinese counter-offensive on the Asian mainland was promised today but no hint was given when it would start.  
The Defence Ministry prepared leaders to be dropped, on Red China on Friday, beginning of the Chinese lunar new year, promising the offensive.  
"Our ground, air and naval forces will launch a counter-offensive on the mainland and relax it," the leader declared.  
They then call on the people of Red China "to be ready to receive our forces and support them in overthrowing the bandit Mao Tse-tung and the Russian big noses." (Big noses is supposedly humorous and mildly derisive Chinese way of referring to foreigners.)  
The Defence Ministry alleged that Nationalist guerrillas earlier this month attacked a concentration of more than 30,000 rifles and machine-guns which, it said, the Chinese Communists were shipping by river for Ho Chi-minh's rebel forces in Indo-China.  
The attack, it declared, occurred between Nanning in Kwangsi and the Indo-China border. Two boatsload of arms were sunk, the Ministry claimed, 566 rifles and four machine-guns captured.  
An official dispatch from Hainan said Nationalist warplanes are making round-the-clock attacks on Luchow Peninsula opposite. It claimed that 150 invasion craft were sunk on February 12.  
Extensive damage to Red installations near Peikang, West of Luchow Peninsula, was also claimed. Hainan today officially confirmed that a Nationalist revolt in Kiangnan, involving the magistrate of Kiangnan district, a division commander and a regiment commander, was brought under control shortly after its outbreak on Tuesday.  
General Lee Ying-kai and Colonel Tse were arrested. The magistrate escaped.  
Ten motor-boats and 60 Red were caught last night when 400 regulars from Luchow made a further landing attempt at Paoh-ching under cover of heavy fog.  
Paoh-ching is 70 miles West of the place where the Reds put up their first frontal attacks 60 days ago.  
The invaders were beaten off by the ground forces.  
It is believed that there will be a mass landing on the West coast soon. In Hainan the tension is growing hourly. Business is at a standstill despite the Chinese New Year.—Associated Press and United Press.

### The Weather

At 0600 GMT (3 p.m. local) the depression is moving East into the Bay of Bengal. Pressure remains high over China, Manchuria and the adjacent seas.  
Today's Forecast—Moderate or fresh N winds. Cloudy, continuing cold.  
Tomorrow's Weather—Mainly 111.5 deg. F. (42.5 deg. C).  
Rainfall: 1.5 mm (0.06 in). Total since Jan. 1—114 mm (4.5 in).  
Sun: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Moon: at 10.55 a.m. 100.5 deg. N. 10.55 deg. E.  
Wind: 10 a.m. 10.55 deg. N. 10.55 deg. E.  
Wind: 10 a.m. 10.55 deg. N. 10.55 deg. E.  
Wind: 10 a.m. 10.55 deg. N. 10.55 deg. E.

## Official text hiding secret agreements? WORLD REACTION TO SINO-SOVIET PACT

London, February 15.  
Diplomatic quarters feel that the main agreements reached in the Moscow talks are not visible in the treaty between Soviet Russia and China, which is something of an anticlimax.  
It is thought unlikely that almost two months can have been spent solely on the task of altering the text of a discarded treaty.  
A comparison with the 1945 agreement shows close similarity. Like the old, the new treaty is a 30-year alliance primarily directed against a resurgent Japan.

Russia's two leading newspapers, the official "Izvestia" and the Communist Party "Pravda," today devoted their entire front pages to the treaty.

They published the official communiqué without editorial comment and picture showing Marshal Stalin and Mao Tse-tung side by side at the pact signing—each wearing a plain tunic buttoned up to the neck.

In Washington, diplomatic authorities say that Soviet Russia and Red China apparently plan to use their new treaty of alliance to cut the ground from under American policy toward China.

Russia promises to hand over to Communist China within two years the South Manchurian railway, which the Soviet now operates, and the port of Dalien. Moscow also promises that it will eventually withdraw Soviet troops from the jointly used naval base of Port Arthur.

American policy, as stated by the Secretary of State Mr. Dean Acheson, on January 12 is based on hope of a conflict of interest between Russia and China in North China and particularly in Manchuria.

If Russia actually returns the railway, Dalien and Port Arthur, the effect will be to minimise this conflict.

### Secret clauses

Meanwhile, State Department officials are certain that both Moscow and the Chinese Red regime will make propaganda capital of Russia's relinquishment of special rights which the United States has attacked as a form of old-fashioned imperialism in China.

Officials say the treaty announced last night requires considerable study before its full bearing on the cold war can be adequately understood.

"They do not believe the full agreement has been published."

They say the full impact of suspected secret agreements may appear only gradually. Russian ships and planes for Red China will be secretly included. There have been persistent reports that the Chinese Reds want military aid, to counter Nationalist bombing and to invade Taiwan.

Here are some of the principal points of American interest in the two-month meeting:

1—The Russian and Chinese Communists can now be expected to begin an intensive campaign for a Japanese peace treaty, as an aid to Japanese Communism.  
2—The form of the new pact, which has its military defence clause aimed against Japan, follows the same pattern worked out with the Russian satellites of Eastern Europe, where Germany is the specified objective of the defence clauses. All these pacts also cover mutual assistance against any country associated with one of the enemy nations of the last war. Hence, the effect, in official Washington opinion, is to create the Communist system of alliances against the United States and the other Western powers.

### A new era

3—Behind the scenes, the Russians and Chinese probably agreed on general Communist strategy in Asia. Communist "reforms" to be undertaken in China and the process of setting up a new government system, and the conditions of the credits which, as announced, Russia will extend to assist Chinese economic recovery. There is a strong belief among officials here that the Soviets have manoeuvred, or tried, to manoeuvre, themselves into positions of special but unacknowledged rights.  
4—Undoubtedly, the completion of the Moscow conference marks the beginning of a new

### Chou says his little piece

Moscow, February 15.  
After the signing of the Sino-Soviet Treaty, the Chinese Foreign Minister, Chou En-lai, said: "Only the imperialists and warmongers will assume an attitude of hate towards this treaty and the agreements."

"The unity of the peoples of China and the Soviet Union, which number about 700,000,000, is a force which it is impossible to defeat."

M. Vyshinsky, the Russian Foreign Minister, characterised the agreement as "the greatest contribution to the cause of strengthening peace and democracy in the whole world."—Associated Press.

era for Communism in Asia. Whatever Sino-Soviet conflicts may eventually emerge, the expectation is that for some time the two greatest Communist Governments will give every ounce of evidence of working together in a completely friendly manner.

Washington officials say the meaning of the new treaty for China may be read in the history of the European Communist States such as Poland and Czechoslovakia, which also have alliances with the Soviet Union.

They hope, however, that China may go the way of Yugoslavia. There, Marshal Tito almost two years ago asserted his independence of Moscow and has since become a cold war enemy of the Red system of States.

### Taipei reaction

In Taipei, Nationalist leaders are convinced that far-reaching secret agreements lie behind the announced pact.

These, they think, provide for the Chinese Reds to assume the leadership of Communist movements in South East Asia, and for Russia to have hush-hush naval and air bases in Red China.

From the Nationalist viewpoint, any pact—open and secret—concluded by the Chinese Reds are invalid.

Nationalist quarters say that the Moscow pact is obviously directed at the United States.

Red China, they assert, has come formally into the open as an ally of the Soviet Union in war and in peace.  
The Nationalists are waiting to see whether the Reds get active Soviet aid in the Chinese civil war—in other words, help for an invasion of Taiwan.

They hope that one result of the Moscow pact will be greater American economic help for this island.

### Purge forecast

Tao Hsi-shen, one of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's closest advisers, said a secret working programme must have been arranged at Moscow.  
Mao Tse-tung's return to Peking, he predicted, would be followed by a big purge of all elements. Communist and otherwise not considered 100 per cent pro-Russian.

Wang Shih-tung, Minister without Portfolio, said: "The pact announced at Moscow are only smoke-screens for all-embracing secret agreements. The whole thing is aimed primarily at the United States."

General Chang Yi-tung, Nationalist Army spokesman, commented: "Mao Tse-tung has followed Moscow in domestic and international policies. He is not free to take any independent actions."

### "Nearer war"

Allied diplomats in Tokyo view the Sino-Soviet military alliance as no surprise, but the Japanese generally regard it as a step nearer a third world war. It is also interpreted as a warning to the Japanese not to encourage United States bases in Japan, and as a virtual death blow to the already dim chances of Russo-Chinese participation in the Japanese peace conference.

"We remember the tripartite pact signed by Japan, Germany and Italy in 1940 which was designed to ensure peace," one Government official said, "but it led to war. When countries begin signing alliances against other countries it is a bad omen for peace."

Australia's W. R. Hodgson, British Commonwealth member to the Japan Allied Council, said: "The pact is no surprise. It is true that significance may, however, lie in secret clauses if there are any."

He added that the reference to preventing the rise of Imperialist Japan and mutual guarantee against other powers connected with Japan was pure propaganda against the Japanese and an indirect slap at the United States.

Propaganda along this line has long been the chief weapon in the Japanese Communist arm. The party continually claimed that post-treaty American bases in Japan were a threat to the Japanese people. The Japanese Communist Party said there would be no comment until the text of the alliance had been studied.

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### Mounting tension

"We never had a clear picture of Russia or Communist China attending the peace conference. This does not make it any easier," one SCAP official said.

Observers generally believe that the announcement of the alliance will result in:

1. Giving added impetus to the Pacific alliance of anti-Communist States.  
2. Realisation that an industrialised Japan not in the Communist camp is a nation most feared by the Communists in Asia.

3. Mounting tension in the Orient where bordering countries must now choose sides in the East-West duel.

4. Reopen the question of whether Japan—faced with an alliance of potential enemies—should be allowed a military establishment to defend herself.

A hasty review of the announcement led some observers to these conclusions:  
The treaty is as remarkable for what it doesn't say as for what it does.

There is no mention of the Russian and Chinese attitude to further expansion outward in Asia of Communism.  
The extent of the loan is surprisingly small. Three hundred million dollars is far from enough to buy what China needs to industrialise.

The emphasis on Japan is another propaganda measure, tying in with such moves as the Russian demand for Emperor Hirohito's trial as a war criminal. It is an attempt to convince other Orientalists that Japan is imperialistic and aggressive and that America, which is supporting Japan, is likewise.

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## Churchill gesture



Continuing his election campaign, Mr. Winston Churchill, leader of the Conservative Party, addressed a crowd of 15,000 people at an open air meeting held on Cardiff City's football ground at Ninian Park. Photo shows Mr. Churchill waving his hand in an expressive gesture during his speech.—(AP Photo).

## U.S. effort to check Red menace in Asia

Bangkok, February 15.  
American Far Eastern diplomats meeting here today specifically considered ways for stopping the Communist advance in Asia.  
In the first admission that this meeting of all ambassadors in the Far East had gathered from all the compass points to fight the Red menace, the communiqué ending the third and last day of the conference said:

"Specific attention was paid to fears which have been expressed by certain Governments that their independence is or may be threatened by Communist attempts to overthrow the established government, and the subordinate differences which exist in the position of various States of the area and the extent to which they desire American assistance was noted."

The communiqué added: "The discussions were conducted within the general framework of the announced policy of the United States to support the independence and national aspirations of all Asian peoples."

"The action of the United States Government in recognizing the independent Governments of Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos, following the action of Communist governments in extending recognition to Dr. Ho Chi-minh's faction, was discussed."

The conference considered in detail "affirmative steps which could be taken by the United States to carry out its announced policy of extending friendly support to States in Asia which desire such assistance," underlying yesterday's revelations that the conference is considering backing a Pacific pact against Communism.

In Washington, the Army Chief of Staff, General J. Lawton Collins, told a Congressional Committee in testimony made public today that the United States armed forces in both Europe and Japan will be ready within a few months to give an excellent account of themselves if attacked.

He said United States troops on both sides of the world are undergoing intensive combat training and re-organization to form an effective line beyond which Communism cannot pass.

### Preventing wars

General Collins said: "Russia's achievement of the atomic bomb emphasized clearly the wisdom of our decision to make common cause with our friends in Europe for the prevention of war."

"Only by mutual aid and encouragement can forces be constructed among the free peoples of the world, of such capacity that they can clearly discourage the threat of totalitarian aggression. Our objective should ever be to prevent wars, rather than merely to win them after they start."

General Collins asked for a regular army of 350,000 for 1951 plus a strong National Guard and reserve. This was a reduction of

47,000 from the army's former authorized strength. "Troops are in the middle of a strenuous training programme. In a few months more they will be ready. I can guarantee this because I recently have seen their first hand."

The Army Secretary, Mr. Gordon Gray, said: "Across the world in the Orient, the presence of United States forces in Japan and Okinawa, together with our bases in the Philippines, establishes a line which stopped subversive forces of Communism at the shore of the Western Pacific."

"Japan at present is the focal point of our Far Eastern interests. Since foundation of a democratic Government in Japan and its complete disarmament, enormous strides have been taken during the year toward completion of the occupation task."

"Controls have been progressively relaxed until today the Japanese Government itself runs almost all its internal affairs except in those which affect the needs of United States taxpayers dollars. This progress made it possible to release for military duties and training occupation forces previously required for detailed supervision of the Japanese governmental and economic affairs."—United Press.

## TIME RUNNING OUT FOR ASIA, PIBUL WARNS

Bangkok, February 15.  
The Premier, Pibul Songgram, warned today that time is running out for Communist-threatened South East Asia.  
"It is late—but not too late yet, to check the Southward Red sweep in Asia," the Siamese leader said in an exclusive interview. As he spoke, American diplomats from Far Eastern posts were meeting here to consider the situation.

### Immediate steps must be taken, Pibul said, to erect economic and military barriers, or things will be black for Thailand and her neighbours.

The Premier declared Communist China must have rice from Indo-China, Burma and Thailand to prevent internal unrest and she will get it by conquest if she is unable to purchase.

The fall of Indo-China and Thailand would mean the whole of South East Asia would fall, as it did to the Japanese, Pibul said. Moscow-trained Ho Chi-minh's Vietnam nationalists, accorded diplomatic recognition by Soviet Russia and Red China, are fighting the French to a standstill in Indo-China—stepping-off place for the Japanese conquest of South East Asia.

The Thai Premier proposed these counter-measures under the leadership of the Western powers:  
1—Warn Russia and the Chinese Communists that they cannot advance beyond the Indo-China border without risking armed conflict. "This should have been done a year ago," he said.  
2—Conclude an economic pact among Oriental nations for mutual co-operation and development of backward areas.

Most dangerous  
Pibul asserted that Thailand will not sell food to any Communist regime. If the South East Asian rice bowl countries can hold out for only one year, the people of China may "turn against the Communists," he said.  
He called economic weapons most important in this phase of the cold war.

"If there is no opposition," he said, "there is no doubt the Communists will push as far South as they can. We will fight the battle on our own borders. There will be no collaboration with the Communists while I am Premier."

He described the Reds as the "most dangerous enemies we've ever had," and said they have intensified propaganda activities in Thailand recently. Agents of all nationalities are operating here, he said.

Pibul outlined that he has pressed his ideas in detail to the U.S. Ambassador Edwin F. Stanton, but does not know whether they have been relayed to the American diplomatic conference.

Whether it has or not, he said, diplomats have probably been discussing a similar analysis of the fast worsening situation in this part of the world.

Pibul outlined a defence line running from the Himalayas down the Indo-China border to the China Sea, thence curving through Okinawa and Japan.

Roughly this coincides with the United States would not investigate but would be sympathetic to a military alliance. Mr. Quintana said of an incident involving my country in any way. We are just recovering from the last one."

Mr. Quintana would not elaborate on the possibility that the Governments of Indo-China, Thailand and Burma, close to the present lines of the East-West frontiers, which soon become involved in hostilities against the rebel groups backed by Mao Tse-tung.

Mr. Quintana has not changed his original proposal for an economic, cultural and political union of non-Communist South East Asia democracies.—Associated Press.

### ACHESON LIKELY TO RESIGN

Bangkok, February 15.  
The American Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, is likely to resign within six or eight weeks, sources close to the American diplomats meeting here said today. The diplomats are concluding today their three-day conference on the situation in South East Asia.

The source said that Dr. Philip Jessup, President Truman's roving Ambassador, is expected to succeed Mr. Acheson.—Router.

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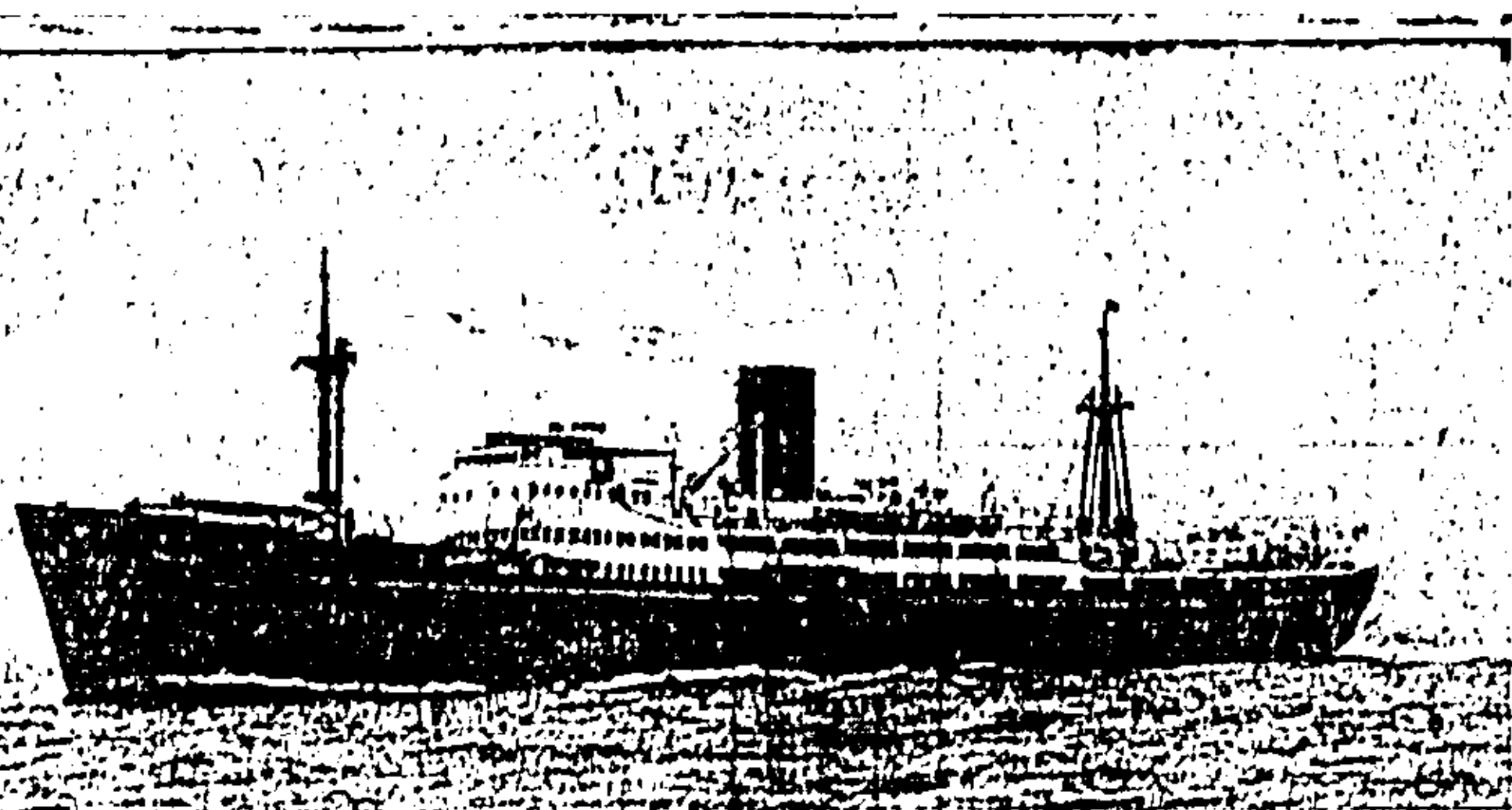
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The B. and O. luxury liner Taiyuan, which arrives in Hong Kong on Sunday on its maiden voyage. Among the ship's modern equipment is the latest thing in air conditioning.

## NEW LUXURY LINER ON HONG KONG RUN

### Five injured in NT car accident

Five were injured, one seriously, when private car No. HK964 ran into a tree at Lok Ma Chau at 1.30 p.m. yesterday.

All five were passengers in the car which was badly damaged.

One of them, Lam Kwansau, a 19-year-old girl, suffered a broken leg.

### Court Brevities

On the application of Sub-Inspector J. H. Evans, a dagger, presented to a graduate of the Infantry School of the Central Military College by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek when he was Principal of the College, was ordered to be confiscated by Mr. James Wickes at Kowloon yesterday.

The dagger, measuring about 12 inches in length and engraved with the Generalissimo's name, was found by a tenant on the roof of 171 Leitchik Road on January 20. It was believed that the dagger belonged to a Nationalist soldier who lived at the address.

Sentence of three months' hard labour was imposed on Leung Chun-keung, unemployed, by Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Kowloon yesterday for the larceny of a peach tree from the hillside of Shingnang Kwei Chung Village, Tsau Wan.

It was alleged that defendant cut the tree on the evening of February 13 from the orchard of Chan Shik and had it brought to Shunshing where he was caught on Tuesday morning.

Charged with breaking into the Indian Bazaar, 55 Nathan Road on Monday morning, Law So-chung, richly clothed, was remanded three days by Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Kowloon yesterday.

It was alleged that defendant, with others not in custody, broke into the shop and stole a large quantity of woollen, worsted, drapery and fabric clothing materials, and six necklaces, two pairs of earrings, and a gold bracelet.

A sentence of six months' imprisonment was imposed on Ko Yut-kei, aged 24, described as a travelling trader, on a charge of forgery before Mr. A. D. Scholes at Kowloon yesterday.

The prosecution said that Ko had forged signatures on several travellers' cheques drawn on the American Express Company. The amount involved accumulated to about \$4,000.

A prison Department clerk was fined \$200 by Mr. A. D. Scholes after he had been found guilty of giving false information to the police. Kenneth Wong Weing-nai, aged 28, was the defendant.

The case against defendant was that he had, on two separate occasions, written anonymous letters to the police with intention to cause inconvenience to Mr. Au Shen-chor. It was stated that Wong had falsely informed the police that Au was about to kill a dog and have it served as a meal. The police said that the letter reporting this was signed "Animal Lover" which, upon police investigations, was traced to defendant.

Wong in his defence yesterday, accused the police of having forced him to make a statement admitting the false report, adding that a certain statement attributed to him in the document was not his own. The magistrate, finding Wong guilty, discounted defendant's story.

### MENACES CHARGE

Health Inspector Wong Tak-keung, aged 31, attached to the Anti-Malaria Bureau at Aberdeen, was fined before Mr. Thomas Tam at Central yesterday with menacing the sum of \$200 with menaces from Chan Moon, alias "Chan" Sul-fong, at 173 Island Road, first floor on February 9.

Mr. Chan A. Silva appeared for defendant while Inspector A. V. Cochran prosecuted.

Defendant was remanded a week on bail of \$10,000.

A second luxury liner of the China Navigation Company, the 7,414-ton mv. Taiyuan, equipped with the latest air conditioning and ventilation systems, is due to arrive here on Sunday on its maiden voyage from England via Australia.

Managed locally by Butterfield and Swire, this latest addition to the China Navigation Company's fleet of 24 ocean-going vessels aggregating 83,846 tons, will leave for Japan on Thursday.

The mv. Taiyuan will ply regularly between Australia, the Philippines, Hong Kong and Japan, leaving her sister ship, the mv. Chungshia, which was put into service last August.

The first Taiyuan and Chungshia were constructed in 1935, sold in 1937 to G. S. Yull and Company of Sydney and scrapped in 1938. The second Taiyuan and Chungshia were lost in 1942 through enemy action in the Pacific. Both the new Taiyuan and the Chungshia were built by Scotts Shipping and Engineering Company of Greenock.

With a complement of 110 officers and crew, the mv. Taiyuan has comfortable accommodation for 40 saloon-class and 42 tourist-class passengers. The dining rooms are air conditioned and all staterooms and public rooms are provided with a mechanical ventilation system.

There are spacious sports decks, comfortable lounges, a smoke room, writing room, bar, library, swimming pool, barber's shop and an excellent laundry.

The ship has a general cargo bale capacity of 6,235 tons in addition to eight compartments for chilled or frozen cargo with a capacity of 58,000 cubic feet.

The refrigeration plants are of unusually large capacity consisting of four compressors, which allow for soft fruit and vegetables of the luxury varieties to be quick-frozen on board and delivered frozen fresh at their destination thousands of miles away.

The Taiyuan is commanded by Captain York Niven Campbell, OBE, who joined the China Navigation Company in 1921 as a junior officer serving aboard the ss. Paoting-ying between China coastal ports.

Since 1930 he has commanded various ships of the company's fleet. Captain Campbell returned to Britain last year for a brief holiday, following which he took the present Taiyuan from Mersey on November 15, last, on its maiden voyage to the East Indies.

The chief engineer is Mr. C. W. Bainbridge, who has been with the company for 25 years, 10 of which have been in the capacity of chief engineer.

### NORWEGIAN SHIP ARRIVES

The mv. Hermod has arrived in port from Europe. It belongs to Bruusgaard Klostetud and Company, of Drammen, Norway, and is actually a sister ship of the mv. Hal Meng, which arrived here last autumn.

The ship was built by the well known Swedish yard, Lindholmens G.V. engines, which gives it a service speed (fully loaded) of about 14 knots.

Navigation aids are the very latest in every respect. The ship is beautifully fitted out for 12 first-class and 24 second-class passengers. It is expected to obtain a Hong Kong Passenger License for about 900 deck passengers.

The local general agents are Thoresen and Company Limited, and sub-agents are Kien Tye Tung, 27 Bonham Strand West.

### SHIP'S MASTER CAUTIONED

The Master of the ss. San Antonio, Captain C. Del Casal, was summoned before the Justices of the Peace Court at Central yesterday for failing to comply with the approved sailing of the vessel from the harbour at 4 p.m. on February 3, as approved by the Commissioner of Police. He was cautioned for the offence.

Also in conjunction with the summons, Mr. Fleury Chen, manager of the Sagon Shipping and Trading Company, was summoned for aiding and abetting in failing to ensure that the vessel sailed at the approved hour on February 3. He was also cautioned for the offence.

### CAT case judgment today

Judgment is expected to be delivered in the Supreme Court at 10 o'clock this morning on the recent proceedings brought by Civil Air Transport, Incorporated, for a receiver in respect of the airline properties impounded in Hong Kong. It was learned yesterday.

Sir Leslie Gibson, Chief Justice, had reserved his decision at the conclusion of the two separate hearings involving the China National Aviation Corporation and the Central Air Transport Corporation.

Named as defendants in the applications were Major (General) Claire L. Chennault and Mr. Whittier Willauer. The Consolidated management of both airlines were named as defendants to the proceedings, and contested the applications for the receiver. Cat Inc. maintains that Chennault and Willauer bought the airlines from the Nationalist Government legally before the British recognition of the Peking Government, and that they in turn bought the properties from the defendants.

### PAL set a record

Philippine Air Lines has set another world record for commercial aircraft between London and Manila when PAL DC-6 Manila landed at the Manila International airport at 12.10 p.m. last Friday.

The distance was negotiated in 29 hours and 16 minutes by the fast four-engine DC-6 plane on the regular PAL weekly service to Europe which passes through Calcutta, Karachi, Lydda (Tel Aviv), Rome and Madrid.

The new London-Manila flight time record, the PAL announced, has cut down by 41 minutes another record of 20 hours and 57 minutes established by DC-6 Mindoro on December 10 last. The regular scheduled flight time is 34 hours and 30 minutes.

At the controls of DC-6 Manila when it landed on Friday was Captain Arthur Gooley, a seasoned commercial and army pilot. Walker O'Brien was the co-pilot.

### PRIVATE CAR USED FOR HIRE

Pleading guilty to six charges of using his private car for hire, failing to produce a licence, carelessly driving, driving without light, driving without a valid licence and failing to notify the Traffic Office of a change of ownership, Man Sum, aged 28, was fined a total of \$450 by Mr. James Wickes at Kowloon yesterday.

Defendant, who was a licensed lorry driver and who had recently bought the car, committed most of the offences on Monday night along Castle Peak Road when he tried to shake off a pursuing traffic cop on motor-cycle.

Fines of \$300 each were imposed on Man Sum, driver of private car No. 2354, and on his wife, Mrs. Man Sum, driver of private car No. 9239, for allowing their cars out for hire.

### DONATIONS

The Chairman and Executive Committee of the Chinese Relief Committee gratefully acknowledge receipt of the undermentioned donations towards the funds of the Society:

Mrs. Wong Ah Shie \$10, Dr. T. Y. Li \$10, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Camille \$10, Mr. C. H. Holmes \$10, Lady Yee \$10, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. P. Heywood \$10, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Johnson \$10, Total \$110.

## HKDF ORDERS

Orders by Colonel L. T. Ride, CDE, ED, Commandant, Hong Kong Defence Force, dated February 15, 1940.

**Force Headquarters**  
Haldy, Haldy, Haldy, Lower Albert Road, will be closed on Friday and Saturday, February 17 and 18, 1940.

**Drill—Qualification Course**  
2nd Yards Range. The following recruits will be called up for drill on February 12, 1940, and received the results shown against their names—Recruits H.T. Henders 20 12 12 (4) 2nd class shot, G.A. Henders 15 18 9 (2) 2nd class shot, F.J. Hoffman 20 10 16 (2) 1st class shot, E.F. Delgado 20 18 14 (2) 1st class shot, R.P. Baker 25 20 10 (4) 1st class shot, V.B. Becker 20 20 14 (5) 1st class shot, L.B. Erikson 25 10 10 (5) 1st class shot, J.A. Hutchinson 20 10 17 (2) 1st class shot, T.B. Panton 15 14 4 (3) 2nd class shot, L.A. Lux 20 16 6 (2) 2nd class shot.

**Drill Training—week ending February 21, 1940:** Squads A25, A27—Almings; IV, other points of aim. Squads A28, A29, A30, A31—Minutiae Range, slow shot. Lecture, theory of a group. Squads A24, A24—Trigger control. Firing a shot.

**Intelligence Unit—Training week ending February 21, 1940:** (a) Collection Course, Monday, February 20, 1940, 2.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m. "Royal Navy in Hong Kong"—Cdr. H. Uwin, RN, 6.30 p.m. to 7.15 p.m. "Photo Map Comparison"—Cdr. Phillip LMG, MBE, 7.15 p.m. to 8.15 p.m. "200 of Intelligence"—Cdr. Phillip LMG, MBE, 8.15 p.m. to 9.15 p.m. "40 Div. Intelligence"—Cdr. Phillip LMG, MBE, 9.15 p.m. to 10.15 p.m. "40 Div. Intelligence"—Cdr. Phillip LMG, MBE, 10.15 p.m. to 11.15 p.m. "40 Div. Intelligence"—Cdr. Phillip LMG, MBE, 11.15 p.m. to 12.15 p.m. "40 Div. Intelligence"—Cdr. Phillip LMG, MBE, 12.15 p.m. to 1.15 p.m. "40 Div. Intelligence"—Cdr. Phillip LMG, MBE, 1.15 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. "40 Div. Intelligence"—Cdr. Phillip LMG, MBE, 2.15 p.m. to 3.15 p.m. "40 Div. Intelligence"—Cdr. Phillip LMG, MBE, 3.15 p.m. to 4.15 p.m. "40 Div. Intelligence"—Cdr. Phillip LMG, MBE, 4.15 p.m. to 5.15 p.m. "40 Div. Intelligence"—Cdr. Phillip LMG, MBE, 5.15 p.m. to 6.15 p.m. "40 Div. Intelligence"—Cdr. 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PIANO lessons given by a  
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BALLROOM DANCING—"Made  
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RADIANT'S LATEST ACHIEVE-  
MENT, the WORLD'S Finest Pro-  
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the new "VINA-FLECT" screen  
fabric. Flame and fungus proofed,  
a beaded screen that can be  
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CULTURED PEARLS—beautiful  
assortment, moderately priced, on  
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20th of February,  
1950  
they shall remove  
back to  
EDINBURGH HOUSE,  
11, Queen's Road Central.

NATURALISATION  
NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that  
Elizabeth Kuanghu Tang (周芳  
光胡) of Hongkong University  
Hongkong is applying to the  
Governor for naturalisation,  
and that any person who  
knows any reason why natu-  
ralisation should not be grant-  
ed should send a written signed  
statement of the facts to the  
Colonial Secretary, Colonial  
Secretariat, Hongkong.

## NOTICE

On and after the 16th Febru-  
ary, 1950, the Vehicular Ferry  
Service will be extended up to  
1.00 a.m. daily for the trans-  
portation of Vehicles and First  
Class Passengers.

THE HONGKONG  
& YAU MATI FERRY  
CO., LTD.  
Hong Kong, February 14, 1950.

## NOTICE OF REMOVAL

NOTICE is hereby given that  
as from Monday, February 20,  
1950, our offices will be re-  
moved from Prince's Building to

Edinburgh House,  
Queen's Road Central  
Tel.: 30278-30237.

and will be open for business  
as usual as from that date.

YOUNG BROTHERS  
BANKING  
CORPORATION.

## MARINE DEPARTMENT NOTICE NO. 3 OF 1950

## CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, February 17, 18 and 19,  
1950, having been declared general holidays, this Depart-  
ment will be closed on those days except as under:—

Entry & Clearance Office  
Friday, 17th ..... Closed all day.  
Saturday, 18th ..... Open from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.  
Sunday, 19th ..... " " " "

Marine Licensing Office  
Friday, 17th ..... Closed all day.  
Saturday, 18th ..... Open from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.  
Sunday, 19th ..... " " " "

Mercantile Marine Office  
Friday, 17th ..... Closed all day.  
Saturday, 18th ..... Open from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.  
Sunday, 19th ..... " " " "

Marine Office,  
Hong Kong, February 15, 1950.

## The Dairy Farm, Ice &amp; Cold Storage Co., Ltd.

## CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS

## HOURS OF BUSINESS.

BUTCHERY & PROVISIONS DEPARTMENTS  
All Branches & Windward House  
(Friday, 17th Feb — Closed all day  
(Saturday, 18th Feb — 9 a.m. to 12 noon  
(Sunday, 19th Feb — Closed all day

DAIRY DEPARTMENT  
Lower Albert Road  
East Point Branch  
Kowloon Branch  
Windward House Annex  
(Friday, 17th Feb — 7.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.  
(Saturday, 18th Feb — 7.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.  
(Sunday, 19th Feb — 7.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.  
(Friday, 17th Feb — 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.  
(Saturday, 18th Feb — 9 a.m. to 12 noon  
(Sunday, 19th Feb — 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

COLD STORAGE DEPARTMENT  
East Point  
(Friday, 17th Feb — Closed all day  
(Saturday, 18th Feb — 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.  
(Sunday, 19th Feb — 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.  
(Friday, 17th Feb — Closed all day  
(Saturday, 18th Feb — 9 a.m. to 12 noon  
(Sunday, 19th Feb — 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

ICE SALES  
East Point  
Pettigrew Street  
Kowloon Branch  
(Friday, 17th Feb — Closed all day  
(Saturday, 18th Feb — Usual Hours  
(Sunday, 19th Feb — Usual Hours  
(Friday, 17th Feb — Closed all day  
(Saturday, 18th Feb — 9 a.m. to 12 noon  
(Sunday, 19th Feb — 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

RESTAURANTS & SODA FOUNTAINS  
Usual Hours

The Dairy Farm, Ice & Cold Storage Co., Ltd.  
PURE FOOD SPECIALISTS.

Appellants  
fail to  
appear

An appeal coming up in the  
Appeal Court against a decision  
of Mr. Justice Williams, Senior  
Puisne Judge, was dismissed  
yesterday when the appellants  
neither showed up nor had  
any legal representative ap-  
pearing on their behalf.

The Court—composed of Sir  
Leslie Gibson, Chief Justice, and  
Mr. Justice Gould, Puisne Judge—  
formally made this decision against  
the Tai Yuen Hong firm, of 20  
Des Voeux Road, Central, when it  
failed to turn up.

The respondents named in the  
case, the Kwong Yu Bank, of 8  
Peader Street, were represented  
by Mr. H. G. Sheidon, KC, in-  
structed by Mr. M. A. da Silva.

The appellants against whom  
judgment had been delivered in  
the firm's capacity as plaintiffs in  
the previous action had given  
notice that they were appealing  
on the grounds that the Senior  
Puisne Judge was wrong in law.  
They were asking that the order  
be reversed.

THE "STAR" FERRY  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Public are hereby ad-  
vised that annual repairs to  
piers will commence on Mon-  
day 20th February, 1950.

Some congestion and delay  
to cross harbour passengers  
will be unavoidable, and  
they are requested to co-  
operate in mitigating this in-  
convenience by avoiding tra-  
velling during peak traffic  
periods as much as possible.

G.B.S. THOMSON,  
Secretary.

Hong Kong, February 14, 1950.

THE HONG KONG  
JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS  
Australian Subscription  
Ponies 1951

The Stewards have ordered  
a batch of 100 Australian Sub-  
scription Ponies to race in 1951  
and they now invite Members  
to subscribe for them.

An application form has  
been posted to every Member.  
In the event of non-delivery  
further forms may be obtained  
at the Club's Office, 1st Floor,  
Telephone House.

The Subscription List will  
close with SATURDAY, 11th  
MARCH, 1950.

By Order,  
S. A. SLEAP,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 15, 1950.



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Mr. Li Fook Wo  
Hon. Treasurer  
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**ROXY** Commencing  
TODAY  
AT  
2.30, 5.30,  
7.30 & 9.30,  
P. M.  
From 17th to 19th FIVE Shows a Day  
at 12.00, 2.30, 5.30, 7.30 & 9.30 p.m.

Violence Puts the Torch to History's most Ravaged Age!  
See! "Storming of the Citadel," "Tortures of an Era gone mad!"  
"Escape from the Dungeon," "Siege of the Flaming oil,"  
"Clash of two mighty Armies," "Pagan Feast of Conquest,"  
& "The Romance of the ages."

**Adventure is king  
for a 2nd  
sword-slashing week!**  
The town is thrilling to the King of Romance  
Epics... the Great Adventure of the Ages!

**PRINCE OF FOXES**  
TYRONE ORSON WANDA  
POWER WELLES HENDRIX  
With Marina Berti - Everett Sloane  
Katina Paxinou - Felix Aylmer  
Produced by  
HENRY KING - SOL C. SIEGEL  
Screen Play by Milton Rosen - From the novel by Samuel Hoggins

Due to the Length of this Picture, the Audience are  
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## CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



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arms... football games... I just hadda visit me alma  
mater!"

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE  
By Shepard Barclay  
The Authority on Authorities

PREVENT HIS USING IT  
WHEN you see that the first  
couple of tricks have established  
some secondary honour in the  
dummy, which the declarer ap-  
parently could use later to dis-  
card a loser in some other suit,  
you of course want to prevent  
that if you can. That is one  
time when you are perfectly will-  
ing to have the declarer over-  
ruff your partner's trump, if you  
know they both are now out of  
the suit. The thing to do then is  
lead the suit once more and cause  
the honour to be consumed un-  
der the trump played to the  
trick.

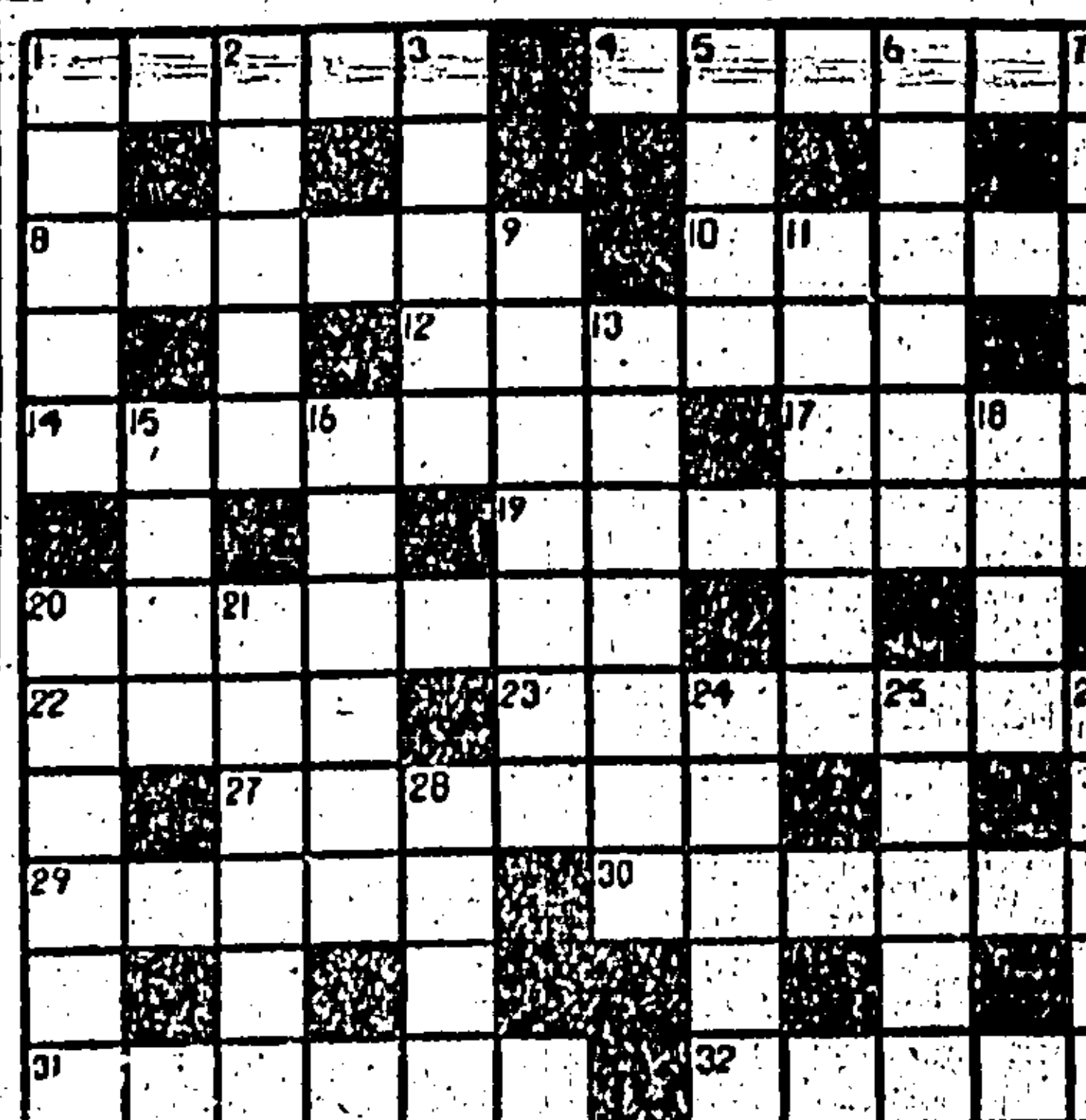
S J 8 7 6  
H J 9 8  
D Q J 5  
C K 10 9  
S K 5 N S Q 4 3 2  
H A K 7 5 W E D 3  
D A 4 2 S C J 10 4 3  
C 8 7 S A 10  
H Q 2  
D K 10 9 8 7 6  
C A 9 8  
(Dealer: South. East-West vul-  
nerable).  
South West North East  
1 D 1 H Pass 1 S  
2 D 2 H 3 D Pass  
Pass 3 H Pass Pass  
1 D Dbl  
East and West had a part  
score, which rendered 2-Hearts a  
game bid. So South, believing he  
was sacrificing, went a bit higher  
than he would otherwise, since  
he thought North had been  
stretching somewhat to make the  
one bid he did. It should have  
proved to be a sacrifice, down  
one, but wasn't, due to West's  
own mischance.

The heart K and A brought a  
high-low from East. But West,  
who could count up to thirteen,  
realized that South was now out  
of hearts as well as his own part-  
ner. Because he did not want to  
put some trump of his partner's  
under the hammer of an over-  
ruff, he refrained from a third  
lead of the suit, selecting the club  
6. After the A won that, the club  
kingdom was led to the A, and  
the contract was home, since the  
heart J shortly enabled South to  
discard his losing spade.

All that West had to do to beat  
that contract was lead a third  
round of hearts, which would  
cause the J to be ruffed by both  
East and South. The declarer  
then would have been unable to  
discard his losing spade, which  
would have furnished the place  
for the defenders to score the  
setting trick.

Your Weekend Question  
Under what circumstances  
should a declarer refrain from  
using the highest honour of a se-  
quence when winning a trick in  
his own hand?

## A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across  
1 Scold. 10 Clergy. 15 Eye.  
4 Rogues. 20 Conflicts. 21 Bird, amorously.  
8 Plundered. 22 Departed. 23 Obtain by 16 Part of  
force. 17 Part of  
10 Fall from 23 Clipped. 18 Converse. 18 Suppless.  
grace. 27 Ransom. 19 Shut.  
12 Reaping- 30 Form. 21 Frightened.  
hook. 30 Tyrant. 24 Correct.  
14 Warship. 31 Swindle. 25 Drive back.  
17 Go by. 32 Trifle. 26 Song.  
11 Animal. 28 Timber.

## Yesterday's Crossword

ACROSS—3 Carriage, 8 Urge,  
9 Resolute, 11 Elevated, 13 Well,  
15 Despatch, 18 Director, 19 Loss,  
21 Depleted, 25 Condones, 26  
Firm, 27 Disperse.  
DOWN—1 Miso, 2 Ogre, 4



# King's

• OPENS TODAY •

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF TIMES!  
1.40, 4.30, 7.00 and 9.45 p.m.  
FROM TOMORROW TO MONDAY

5 SHOWS DAILY EXTRA PERFORMANCE  
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vies picture. News-  
papers, magazines,  
radio, famous col-  
umnists all hail  
"JOAN OF ARC"—"A  
triumph of entertain-  
ment."

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VICTOR FLEMING

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A NIGHT OF GRAND CARNIVAL

On Friday, 24th February.

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At Gripps from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.  
In aid of the Boys and Girls Club Association  
Tickets — \$50 double — \$30 single.

# RUSSIANS SPEEDING MILITARY SCHEMES IN EAST GERMANY

Berlin, February 15.  
Reports reaching Berlin make it almost certain  
that the Russian authorities are pressing for-  
ward plans for the remilitarisation of the  
Soviet zone of Germany by land, sea and air.  
Mecklenburg, the province along the Baltic coast,  
is the main centre for these Soviet activities.

It was learnt also that the  
island of Ruegen, off the North  
Prussian coast and due South  
of the Southern tip of Sweden  
is becoming a formidable Rus-  
sian naval base.  
At Rechlin, says a further re-  
port, the Luftwaffe experimental  
station is being reconstructed as  
quickly as possible, with the help  
of former German Air Force  
technicians.  
It became known last Novem-  
ber that the Soviet Navy was  
preparing the harbours of Ros-  
tock, Warnemunde, Wismar, and  
Stralsund as bases for various  
types of craft.

## BROADWAY

FINAL SHOWING TODAY  
At 2.30, 5.30, 7.30 & 9.30 p.m.  
THE MOST WONDERFUL  
LOVE STORY EVER FILMED:  
DAVID NIVEN  
TERESA WRIGHT in

## "ENCHANTMENT"

SAMUEL GOLDWYN  
PRODUCTION

— SHOWING TOMORROW —  
CHINESE NEW YEAR  
ATTRACTION  
FRIDAY, SATURDAY,  
SUNDAY  
5 SHOWS DAILY AT:  
12 Noon, 2.30, 5.30,  
7.30 & 9.30 p.m.

## VIOLENCE PUTS THE TORCH... TO HISTORY'S MOST RAVAGED AGE!



The Mecklenburg peninsula of  
Wustrow was being converted into  
into a base for destroyers and  
motor torpedo-boats.

Reconstructing  
dockyards  
The German authorities of the  
Eastern zone were ordered to pro-  
vide 80,000,000 East marks (about  
£1,100,000) for constructing naval  
dockyards at Wismar. The Nep-  
tune shipyard at Rostock has been  
engaged for some time in repair-  
ing old Soviet warships.

These include the cruiser  
Comintern, 6,338 tons. The  
yards of Wismar and Warnemunde  
are reported to be con-  
structing light destroyers armed  
with eight torpedo tubes.  
It was stated here today that  
Rubgen is being supplied with  
heavy concrete shelters for sub-  
marines, and anchorages for light  
naval craft, approached by a  
system of canals. The harbour of  
Sassnitz, on the North East of the  
island, is being converted from a  
fishing centre into a base for light  
naval craft.

The German News Agency re-  
ports that the Neptune yard in  
Rostock is now employing 6,300  
men on the repair of former Ger-  
man naval units. The Warnemunde  
yard in Warnemunde is employ-  
ing 4,200 workers, compared with  
1,300 last January.

The Soviet authorities are carry-  
ing out experimental work at  
Peenemunde, South East of Rue-  
gen, formerly the testing station  
for German V weapons.

Testing station  
According to the Berlin news-  
paper "Abend" the Luftwaffe test-  
ing station at Rechlin, on the  
Mueritz lake, 170 miles North  
West of Berlin, is being recon-  
structed to the fullest extent, for  
the joint use of the Soviet air  
force and the air section of the  
people's police.

Landing strips, hangars, and  
quarters for ground staff are being  
rebuilt, it is stated. The ex-  
perimental laboratories, bombing  
ranges and ferro-concrete shelters  
are also being reconstructed.

The experimental station was  
dismantled by the Russians in  
1945. The work of recreating it  
is being pursued with great  
urgency.

Thousands of Germans have  
been recruited, many compulsorily,  
for work on Soviet naval and air  
projects, largely in Mecklenburg.  
Its geographical position ren-  
ders it particularly important to  
Soviet strategy in Northern  
Europe. Aircraft and naval units  
operating from its coast could seal  
off the Western approaches to the  
Baltic.

The arming and training of  
special units of the "people's  
police" is continuing in barracks  
dispersed throughout the Eastern  
zone. Recent reports that these  
units were being provided with  
Soviet tanks were confirmed yester-  
day by the London correspon-  
dent of the British-controlled  
newspaper "Die Welt." The in-  
formation was apparently deriv-  
ed from official British sources.

# NAZI'S MEMOIRS SEIZED

Versailles, February 14.  
Police have seized memoirs  
written by Otto Skorzeny, the  
German Colonel who made  
the spectacular air rescue of  
Mussolini from an Italian pris-  
son.

Skorzeny disappeared yesterday  
after a pro-Communist afternoon  
paper published a photograph pur-  
porting to show him strolling with  
a girl on the Champs-Elysees.  
The Interior Ministry, which con-  
trols foreigners in France, had  
nothing to say about him except  
that he is not on any war criminal  
list.

Versailles police said he had  
been living in a boarding house  
at St. normal en Lays, a resort  
town just outside Paris. He used  
the name Reef Steiner and told  
people he was working for news-  
papers in America, they added.  
Skorzeny had been living in the  
Argentine.

Last night he left for Rome, ac-  
cording to the story police were  
told by the keepers of the board-  
ing house, and said he would be  
back in a few days.

In his room the police found  
two overcoats, two heavy valises  
and part of his memoirs written  
as German.

The authorities said they had  
turned their attention to Skor-  
zeny at the request of the "Direc-  
tion de la Surveillance du Terri-  
toire," the agency which usually  
handles espionage cases. This  
was done after the Communist  
afternoon newspaper "Ce Soir"  
published a photograph of him in  
yesterday's editions and accused  
French officials of being lax in  
permitting him to enter the coun-  
try. Investigation showed the  
police reported, that Skorzeny  
entered France legally.—Associated  
Press.

# Bergman marriage delayed

Rome, February 14.  
Roberto Rossellini said today  
that it will be at least two  
weeks before arrangements can  
be made for his marriage to  
Ingrid Bergman.

He denied that the marriage  
might take place concurrently  
with the premiere of the  
film, "Stromboli," arranged for  
tomorrow.

Rossellini added that Miss  
Bergman's 12-day old baby had  
not yet been baptised. Miss Ber-  
gman's nurse, Giulia Favoretta,  
said that the christening might  
take place tomorrow or on Thurs-  
day in the hospital chapel.

Gino Solta, Rossellini's lawyer,  
said that Miss Bergman's Mexican  
divorce papers were due here  
today but had not arrived in the  
regular mail.

He confirmed that the divorce  
must be approved by the Swedish  
authorities before the film couple  
may wed here.—Associated Press.

# HAILSTORM IN PARIS

Paris, February 15.  
The busiest streets in Paris were  
suddenly deserted when a brief  
but violent hailstorm broke out  
today. People were scurrying for  
cover while stones, some as big  
as peanuts, covered the pave-  
ment with a white and slippery  
litter.

Rivers and canals are freez-  
ing all over the country. A  
hurricane wind is blowing over  
the Southern part of the coun-  
try, where a wind of more than  
100 miles per hour was reported  
near Avignon.—Reuter.

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By Paramount Films
- 20th. **TECHNICOLOR CARTOONS**  
By Universal International Films
- 21st. **TECHNICOLOR CARTOONS**  
By 20th Century Fox Films

# Crooner's wife announces separation

Hollywood, February 14.  
Nancy Sinatra, wife of the  
crooner, Frank Sinatra, an-  
nounced today that she has  
separated from her husband  
of 11 years who had been  
keeping company lately with  
the film star, Ava Gardner.  
Mrs. Sinatra said: "Unfor-  
tunately, my married life  
with Frank had become most  
unhappy. We have therefore  
separated. I have requested  
my attorney, Arnold Grant,  
to attempt to work out a  
property settlement. But I  
do not contemplate divorce  
proceedings in the foreseeable  
future."

Mrs. Sinatra's decision came  
10 days after her 11th wed-  
ding anniversary, which she  
celebrated at home and  
Frankie celebrated in Hous-  
ton.—United Press.

# MODERN RAFFLES IN PARIS

Paris, February 14.  
Thirty-nine-year-old Paul Del-  
tapina, one of France's big-time  
gangsters, told the police here to-  
day he was the head of a gang  
of gentleman bandits which has  
made spectacular robberies in the  
West End of Paris recently.

He was arrested in the Bois de  
Boulogne as he was taking his  
two small children for a walk  
today. He was sentenced to death  
in his absence last June for the  
murder of Frederick Maurand,  
the Norwegian Consul in Mar-  
seilles, in November, 1946.

The gentleman bandits were so  
called because they chatted ami-  
ably with their victims while  
they robbed them and pointed a  
pistol at their heads.—Reuter.

# STAR

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Stranger

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ATTRACTION  
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Esther Williams

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## BRITAIN, U.S. FEAR BASIC TRADE SPLIT

London, February 15.

In the opinion of economic experts here, some of the greatest difficulties of the British recovery effort and of the whole European Recovery Programme still lie ahead and may result in friction between Britain and the United States. British and United States officials in London, foreseeing the hazards, desire that this friction shall not seriously damage relations between the two countries or impair the effectiveness of the recovery programme in its last two years.

### U.S. ready for an emergency

Washington, February 14. The Defence Secretary, Mr. Louis Johnson, declared today that if an emergency arose Americans would be "ready to go at five o'clock in the morning."

Defence plans were drawn up in detail and had been approved by President Truman, the Joint Chiefs of Staff and himself, he told a meeting of district attorneys.

"I can tell you that the defence of the United States, as of today, are in the opinion of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the President and myself, sufficient to the needs of the hour."—Reuter.

### HK AND THE WAR IN CHINA

New York, February 14. Public opinion in Hong Kong wants the Chinese Nationalists to yield to the Communists without further struggle, the "New York Times" Hong Kong correspondent declared today.

"Nobody here gives the Nationalists a chance for a comeback. Reports of high Nationalist military morale and improved administration in Taiwan are resented."

"All this boils down to a virtual demand that the United States, the United Nations or somebody force the Nationalists to quit bombing Hong Kong's customers and lift the blockade."

The correspondent said that the argument was that it was inhuman to kill thousands and destroy the industrial by-product of the Communists needed to become strong and prosperous and better customers for Hong Kong.

"Moreover—and this generally is the real clincher—the Nationalists are not really gaining by bombing and the blockade. They are only alienating the people," the correspondent continued.

"An appraisal of sentiment here indicates that if Hong Kong had its way, the Nationalist Government would give up the struggle and allow the Communists to take what is left of China without further opposition."

"If the Communists went beyond China, Hong Kong would not care particularly, provided trade followed the five-star flag."—Reuter.

An indication of the attitude of United States officials was given to the American Chamber of Commerce in London. Julius C. Holmes, United States Minister, said the two countries should keep their eye on their common goal despite occasional divergences of opinion.

W. John Kenney, chief of the Economic Co-operation Mission, expressed the hope that Congress would enable Britain to make permanent the accomplishments of the first two years of the United States aid programme.

An unofficial reflection of British concern over economic relations with the United States was given yesterday in a despatch from the Washington correspondent of "The Times" of London, who expressed the opinion that the moment was not propitious for Paul G. Hoffman, Economic Co-operation Administrator, to visit Europe, and that the visit might worsen rather than improve relations with Britain.

The correspondent was concerned about the demands that Mr. Hoffman might make for the so-called completion of Europe—demands that the British Government might be obliged to resist. This, however, is not the only matter at issue between the two countries. Aggressive selling needed

According to one ranking British financial official, the full effects of devaluation will not be felt for some time, and the greater problem of devaluation are still to be faced.

With devaluation, the terms of trade have turned further against this country, obliging Britain to be more aggressive in her search for markets.

As for the United States market itself, Britain has received priority there for large sales to help her close the dollar gap. An impressive number of United States trade associations and major Government spokesmen have advocated opening the market wider to European imports, and there have been remarkably few objections from American manufacturers to potential European competition.

The British want to reciprocate that helpful attitude by exporting to the United States goods that are mainly additional and supplementary to United States production, but they have seen the first glimmer of economic chauvinism in the rejection by Seattle of a British company's bid to supply electrical generating equipment.

In the opinion of some experts, the dollar gap cannot be closed by exports to dollar countries alone; they feel that there must also be increased sales to third countries, such as Belgium and Iran, where the United States and Britain are competitors.

Other factors. Likewise, the British hope to increase their earnings from invisible exports, such as shipping services, where they compete with the United States and have to contend with a Government subsidy to their American competitors.

The British hope, too, that in addition to financial considerations, other factors will be taken into account as European recovery proceeds and the need for American aid is reviewed again by Congress.

These factors include the world-wide interdependence of the two countries and their community of political and military interests and the fact that a major reduction of United States aid might mean a serious setback for European stability.

Above all, the British hope that the two countries can keep talking about their mutual difficulties on a friendly basis and not resort to recriminations and reprisals.

### H-bomb would be the end

New York, February 14.

The view that a thousand million people might be killed by 40 or so hydrogen bombs in the first phase of an atomic war was expressed here by Dr. Linus Pauling, a prominent United States chemist.

Dr. Pauling is Director of Chemistry for the California Institute of Technology.

At a rally against the H-bomb sponsored by the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions, he warned that this bomb would mean death, devastation and complete destruction of civilization.

Last year the Council sponsored a peace conference in New York, which was described by the State Department as a sounding board for Soviet propaganda.

The problem of an atomic war must not be confused with minor problems such as Communism versus Capitalism, Dr. Pauling continued. He suggested that Congress should hold extended public hearings on the H-bomb, that America should subsidize a multi-million dollar research programme into war prevention through the National Academy of Science, and that America and Russia should engage in two-power negotiations.—Reuter.

### FRANCE TO TRY POLE

Paris, February 14.

A French military court will try a Polish Consular official for alleged spying and economic sabotage early in March, a Government source in Paris said today.

The disclosure followed abruptly on the heels of the announcement that Andre Simon Robineau, former French Consul at Szczecin, Poland, had been sent to prison for 12 years by a Polish court on a spy charge.

Josef Szerebinski, former Polish Consul at Lille arrested in December, will face a military court at Metz, the informant said. "This is a no-way retaliation," said the informant. "We have collected tons of documents which make it impossible for us to dismiss the case against Szerebinski. There is too much evidence that he was actively engaged in economic sabotage of France and in anti-Marshall Plan activities."

The informant said the accounts of the trial at Metz showed that Robineau had admitted spying and collecting information about Poland.

"The information he was reported to have collected could have been obtained from railroad timetables and the like," the source added.

He said he did not know whether the French Government would communicate with the Polish Government about the Robineau trial.—Associated Press.

## Attlee hands in nomination



The Labour leader, Mr. Clement Attlee, Prime Minister of the outgoing government, hands in his nomination papers as Labour candidate for West Walthamstow to the Returning Officer, Alderman E. C. Redhead, J. P., (right) at Walthamstow Town Hall, London. Mr. Redhead is also Mayor of Walthamstow. The Labour candidate, Mr. West Walthamstow was returned in the 1945 elections with a majority of 12,700. Conservative candidate in the neighbouring constituency of Woodford is the Conservative leader, Winston Churchill. (AP Photo.)

## Geography influences planning of Red Army

A cushion of space—the vast geography of Russia—fortifies the Soviet concept of victory in war by counter-offensive.

The concept is outlined in post-war writings by Generalissimo Joseph Stalin.

It envisages a fighting retreat deep into Russia, the extension of enemy communications, the wearing down of the enemy by attrition and finally his destruction by a smashing counter-offensive.

If this strategic concept, obviously built on the basis of past historical experience, has been weakened by the ability of long-range atomic bombs to penetrate deep into the "heartland," there is, as yet, no conclusive evidence of it in authoritative Soviet writings.

The Russians have established a long-range bomber force and have given it very considerable autonomy, and there have been a few rumblings of "rebellion" against the military party line on the part of a few Russians who have been converted to strategic bombing concepts. But the party line is still pretty clear.

Marxist line in aviation

V. Sudets, Colonel General of Aviation, wrote in "Izvestia," on July 10, 1948, that the "great, worthy combat successes of Soviet fliers attained in the period of the Great Patriotic War, are explainable by the fact that our military science is based on advanced Marxist-Leninist theory."

"Stalinist military science created its theory of combat application of aviation, according to which victory in contemporary war is attained by the efforts of all kinds of troops. Therefore, the education and training of aviation cadres is built on the basis that they must in the first instance give immediate aid to land troops and naval forces in all kinds of combat activity."

The Russians put great stress on ideological morality in the practice of war, neither bold nor daring, are ruthless and contemplate the use of great quantities of artillery and large masses of tanks and infantry.

The land army is still the backbone of their security system; their military thinking is keyed to a land concept. Because even the military art in Russia today is subverted by ideological concepts and because the rationalisation and contradic-

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ould represent a profound mistake. Although all arts and sciences in Russia—including the art of war—are affected by the necessity of twisting principles and experience to fit ideological concepts, the process has not yet killed Russian ability. It would be a mistake—despite this dead hand of Communist politics—to write off Soviet science, for instance, and it would be a great mistake to underestimate the Soviet armed forces.

The Soviet Army still has the world's finest tanks and it has led the way in numerous innovations in the military art. And although the ancient prophets of the art of war—like Clausewitz—are now belittled in Russia, any delusion, has replaced them, it would be wrong to think of Generalissimo Stalin as a military ignoramus. He is in no sense a

### BUDAPEST TRIAL PROPAGANDA

London, February 14.

The Foreign Office said the Hungary has set the stage for a propaganda trial by banning British lawyers from the trial of a Briton and an American in Budapest on Friday.

Robert Vogeler, Vice-President of the International Telephone and Telegraph Company, an American, and Edgar Sander, its Budapest manager, will go before a Hungarian court, charged with spying.

A Foreign Office spokesman said that Hungary refused visas for British lawyers who wanted to represent Sander, and also rejected a request that the British Consul in Budapest be permitted to talk with Sander, and indicated that no British correspondents would be admitted to Hungary for the trial.—United Press.

military genius, but he has shown very considerable military knowledge and he has able advisers. Dr. H. Liddell Hart, the British military critic, ended an article on the Russian Army in *Ordnance* (July-August, 1948) by a quotation: "Everything you hear about Russia is true. All the good things are true and all the bad things are true."

In a military sense, this is an overstatement, but represents, nevertheless, an approximation to the truth about that embodiment of contrasts which is the Soviet Army.



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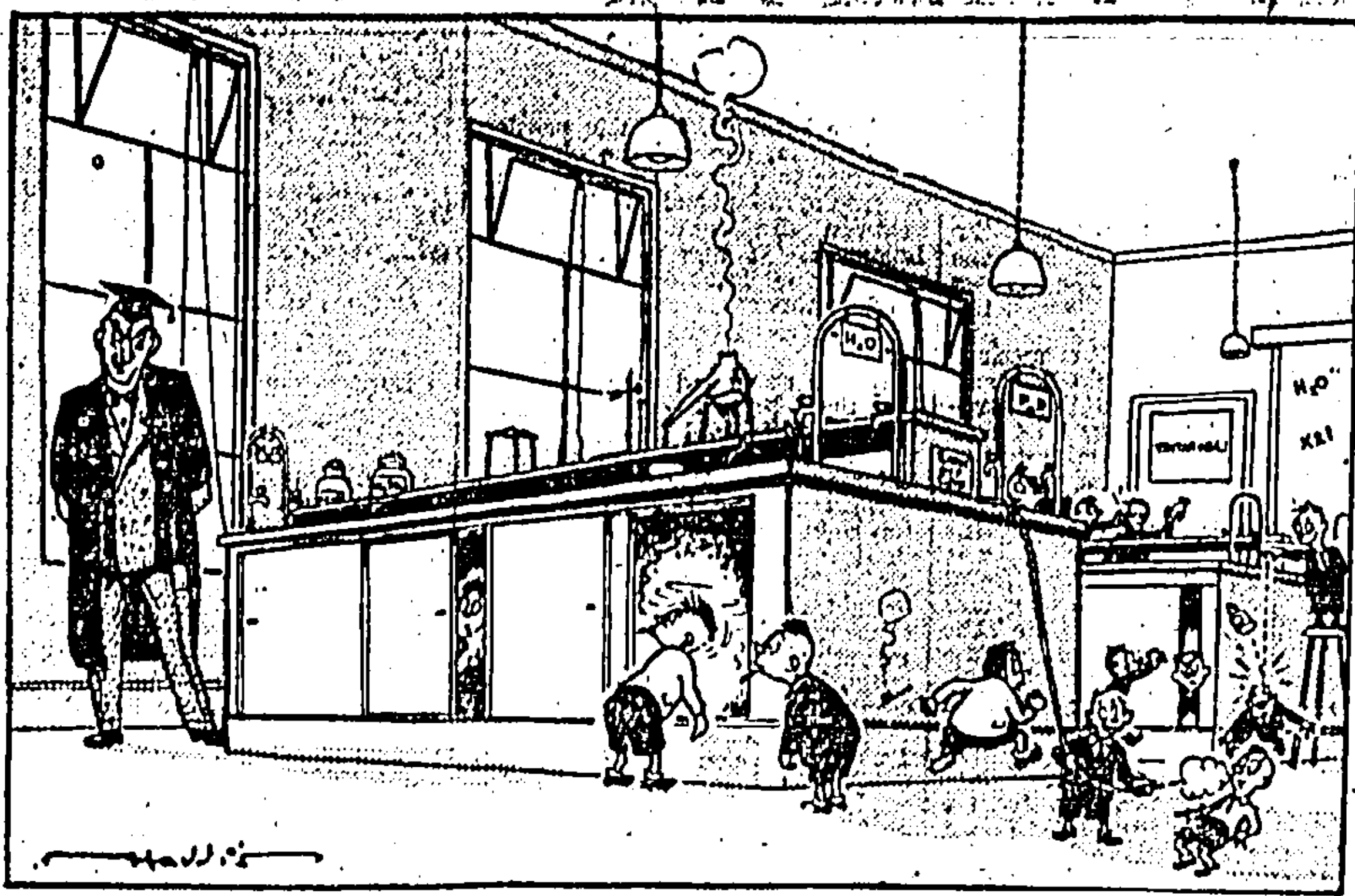
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## How Egypt foiled a Labour Cabinet plan

### FIGHT IN ITALIAN CHAMBER

Rome, February 14. The Italian Chamber of Deputies tonight gave the Christian Democrat Premier, Signor Alcide De Gasperi, his fortnight-old Coalition Government its first official vote of confidence after a 20-minute fist fight among the deputies. The vote was given by 314 votes to 100.

Six deputies were assisted off the floor of Parliament, black-eyed and bitten after left wing and right wing members had punched and kicked each other in a three-hour battle.

The trouble began when the Premier referred to a meeting of left wing deputies at Modena after the recent shooting of six strikers there as "the Modena parade".

The left benches rose to a man and tried to storm the Christian Democrat benches.

Among the injured was the Minister of Labour, Signor Achille Marazza, who was bitten on the thumb.

The Sicilian Communist deputy, Signor Salvatore Lima, had infiltrated among the Christian Democrat benches towards Signor de Gasperi when he was seized by Signor Marazza.

About 50 deputies of all parties joined in the ensuing fight. After vain attempts to restore order, the Speaker of the House, Signor Giuseppe Gronchi, cleared the Chamber and ordered a 15-minute break.—Reuter.

### DUKE HARD UP

London, February 14. The 42-year-old Duke of Norfolk, burdened by taxes on the vast estate he inherited, disclosed today that he is getting rid of more of the family real estate.

A number of the Duke's buildings in the ancient High Street of the Sussex town of Arundel will be sold at auction on March 29. They include the Post Office, part of the town's Council House, a church, a petrol station, a bank and some Georgian houses.—Associated Press.

London, February 14.

An influential British provincial newspaper group said today that the Government plan to increase the petrol ration before next week's election was foiled by the breakdown of secret Anglo-Egyptian negotiations during Mr. Ernest Bevin's recent visit to Cairo. The group comprises the "Yorkshire Evening News", the "Lancashire Evening Post" and the "Edinburgh Evening News".

It made the statement in a despatch by its diplomatic correspondent, which said the British plan to increase petrol rationing to "influence the election vote" hinged on permission from Egypt for passage of tankers carrying crude oil from the Persian Gulf area to Haifa refineries through the Suez Canal.

The Egyptian ban has crippled Haifa operations.

The despatch said hopes for an agreement with Egypt rose following the election victory of the Wafd Party because the Prime Minister, Nahas Pasha, had been a good friend of the Labour Party since 1923, the correspondent said.

When the British Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin, stopped in Cairo on the way home from the Commonwealth conference in Colombo, he found, much to his surprise, that agreement with Nahas Pasha was not easy to attain.

The correspondent said King Farouk and the Egyptian Government refused to consider free passage of British oil tankers through the Suez Canal until the following demands were fulfilled:

#### Three demands

1. Britain accept full Egyptian sovereignty over the Sudan.

2. Britain completely withdraw her forces from the Canal Zone territory bordering Israel and the Gulf of Akaba.

3. Britain help force Israel to give up some territory in the Negev and Jerusalem.

He said if these demands were fulfilled Egypt would also support the British-sponsored Greater Syrian project. The despatch said that re-opening of the Haifa oil refineries would have given Britain an extra 1,000,000 tons and allowed a

considerable increase in the domestic ration. It added that the announcement was called off when Mr. Bevin, on his return to London, reported the unfavourable result of his Cairo negotiations.—United Press.

## Thames on the rampage

London, February 14.

The usually lazy Thames river has started on a rampage through the picturesque meadowlands of Southern England flooding thousands of acres and forcing bankside residents to flee for safety.

The river, swollen by four inches of rainfall in the past two weeks, is rising hourly, and at some points reached within two feet of the all-time record crest of the ruinous floods of 1947.

Bright sunshine burst on Southern and Central England at daybreak, but the Air Ministry forecast more rain.

Throughout the lower half of England the Thames and other rivers had overrun their banks, blocked highways, and inundated business districts up to four feet.

Seven cities and towns along the Thames ordered a stand-by for an emergency. But no deaths or injuries were reported, and officials did not believe there was any danger that the damage of 1947 would be repeated.

There is no threat to London or the suburbs, protected by embankments, buttressed after the disastrous tidal flood 22 years ago.—United Press.

## BARUCH CALLS FOR REFORM OF THE UN

Washington, February 14.

The older statesman, Bernard Baruch, today called for immediate steps to strengthen the United Nations by curbing the veto power and establishing an international police force strong enough to halt aggression.

In a telegram to Senator Paul Douglas (Democrat, Illinois), the 79-year-old adviser to Presidents threw his unqualified support behind the Senate resolution urging UN reform along those lines.

He disclosed that he had advanced a somewhat similar proposal while serving as United States delegate to the UN Atomic Energy Commission in 1946. He said it was blocked then by violent British and French objections.

The resolution, sponsored by Senator Douglas and Senator Elbert Thomas (Democrat) proposed that the United States take the lead in getting as many countries as possible to sign a new agreement supplementing the UN Charter.

Under the agreement, participating countries would contribute armed forces to an international peace-keeping force which could be ordered into action instantly by the UN Security Council.

## Pakistan alliance with Iran?

Karachi, February 15.

Informed quarters said today that the Shah of Iran's visit to Pakistan next month may lead to some informal alliance between the two countries.

However, they denied reports that a formal military alliance has been concluded between Pakistan and Persia, or between those two countries and Afghanistan.

The Afghan Embassy also denied that such a three-power pact has been completed. Informed sources said that the current border troubles between Pakistan and Afghanistan rule out any alliance between them at this time.

However, they made it clear that efforts are being made to better the relationship between the three countries.

The Pakistan Premier, Liaquat Ali Khan, has already visited Tehran, and the King of Afghanistan is reported to be planning to visit Persia.

The Persian Shah is expected here early in March.—United Press.

## PEACE STATUE FOR BERLIN

Berlin, February 14.

A Greek statue personifying peace is to be erected on top of Brandenburg Gate, Berlin's famous feature and boundary line between the city's Eastern and Western sectors, the official Soviet newspaper "Tagliche Rundschau" announced today.

It will replace the Roman chariot once removed to Paris by Napoleon, recaptured by the Russians and now only a mass of twisted metal.

The newspaper was reporting plans for reconstructing the city's main avenue, the Unter den Linden, as a "street of German culture".—Reuter.

## RIOTS BY NIGERIAN WORKERS

Monrovia, February 14.

The Liberian Government today proclaimed a state of emergency on the 60,000-acre American-owned Firestone rubber plantations 50 miles from here, where striking African workers rioted 10 days ago.

A detachment of the Liberian Frontier Force, armed with rifles and machine-guns, has been sent to the plantation area where the United States Firestone Tire and Rubber Company has a million-acre concession.

An extraordinary Government Gazette distributed in the small West African Republic, when workers had "armed themselves with cutlasses, clubs and other weapons and, in a mad fury, looted the plantations, which resulted not only in the wanton destruction of property belonging to the Firestone plantations company but in the disturbance of public law and threatened danger to lives."

A special Executive Commission of three Africans has been set up by order of the President of the Liberian Republic, Mr. William V. Shadrach Tubman, to ensure public safety and tranquillity during the emergency.

Government sources said that, as a result of the prompt action taken, the situation on the plantations has now returned to normal.—Reuter.

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# POSITION OF THE LIBERALS

By a special correspondent

The election manifesto of the Liberals has been issued. It is an interesting document. In some ways it is the most sensible, honest, and constructive of the party manifestos. Its concrete proposals include co-partnership in industry and profit-sharing. It comes out for local parliaments in Scotland and Wales.

The position of the Liberal Party in Britain is at once embarrassing and tragic. It won more than 2,250,000 votes at the last general election. But owing to the electoral system this represented only 12 seats. The Labour Party with five times as many votes, had well over 30 times as many seats.

The only way in which the Liberal Party could gain a representation which would correspond to its support from the public would be if the electoral law was changed and if Britain had Proportional Representation as on the continent.

But continental experience has shown that as soon as there is Proportional Representation the small parties will be crushed. Parliamentary democracy only works smoothly when there are two great parties, one in power and one in opposition, as is normal in Britain and America. It would be a bold and perhaps fatal decision to run the risk of the emergence of splinter parties in British politics. It would mean coalitions and weak and changing governments, for which Britain has no relish.

Neither the Labour Party nor the Conservatives are likely to agree to introduce Proportional Representation. Thus the Liberals will remain a minute party in Parliament. And more and more of their supporters will feel that if they vote Liberal they are really throwing their vote away. Again and again you hear the remark "Of course I am really a Liberal, but what is the use of voting Liberal?"

## A vote wasted

If a vote for the Liberals was not thus wasted the Liberal Party would probably be one of the big parties in the House of Commons. At the last election, one Gallup poll reported that 38 per cent of electors had said that they would vote Liberal if they saw any chance whatever of the Liberal Party having a decent voice. But as they cannot see this chance, most of this 38 per cent will vote either Conservative or Labour, or abstain.

Thus at present the Liberal Party is reduced to being a problem in British politics. It cannot hope to form a government, but is putting up more than 400 candidates. But both the Conservatives and Labour are anxiously perplexed to decide whether the Liberal intervention will do more harm to them or their rival.

At the last election, the Liberal vote probably harmed Labour more than the Conservatives. This time for complex reasons the analysis is more difficult. The Liberal vote has naturally resented the proposal from the Conservatives that they should become the very junior allies and proteges of the Conservatives in an anti-

ties. President Quirino, who has just returned from the United States, is completing plans for a union of countries of the Western Pacific and South-East Asia. He proposes to call a conference soon and believes there are enough countries interested to form a representative union. The basis of the Union is to be cultural, economic and political co-operation. The question of a military alliance would not arise, of course, unless or until events move into that domain. It is entirely possible they will not, so long as we are all good friends together and speak the same language, and are not too queasy about how we speak. In most of the area the war remains one of words, wills and nerves. Economics are also intruding and will have to be taken care of too.

In a general way the immediate danger spot is Indo-China, whose importance was only too vividly shown early in the Pacific War. The Soviet and the Peking Government have tried to wreck any solution along the lines of that in Indonesia. The result has been to resolve hostilities and range Britain and the United States alongside the Franco-Vietnam agreement.

Prompt economic and financial aid for the Vietnam Government is needed, so that Bao Dai's effective authority may be more rapidly extended. Most of the Vietnamese supporters are Nationalists rather than Communists, and there is a good chance that many will be won over and another problem of split personality be solved. If, as must be supposed, the Communists have a master plan, it will be the task of the Bangkok Conference to match it.

Tragic impotence

The impotence of the Liberal Party is tragic because the Liberal Party might still have much to contribute to British politics. More perhaps than either of the other two parties, they are the party of fixed principle. Their basic principle is that all citizens must be treated alike, and none must be in a favoured position because of the privilege of wealth or rank, or because of the privilege of power. Liberalism opposes the Conservative because it believes, it opposes Labour because it fears that under socialism there will again be the rule by the privileged few. Under socialism the privileged classes will be made into leaders, civil servants and party bosses. They are a different class from the rich men and the landed aristocracy of the past. But they will be a privileged class, none the less. Another reason why the Liberals fear the Labour Party is their suspicion that the Socialist state will turn gradually into the authoritarian state. The Liberal Party is a very long and honourable history in opposition to privilege. Its creed is really summed up in the

maxim of one of its leaders in the seventeenth century, Thomas Rainbow. He said "The poorest of us that is in England hath a life to live as the greatest he."

The modern Liberal is anxious to avoid the sheer that Liberals have always been so busy protesting against privilege that they have no time for anything constructive. He can point out quite rightly that the great social revolution of our times and the building of the Welfare State was really begun by the great Liberal cabinet of 1900. (He can also argue plausibly that, for the eminence of its members and the durability of its policies, this was the greatest cabinet of modern British history.)

He can claim that it was Liberal governments which introduced the first measures for enlarging the franchise, which first made education an obligation of the state, which passed the first trade union acts, which provided old age pensions, which introduced the first National Health Insurance scheme, and which, by emancipating Canada, invented the conception of Dominion States.

## Case to an extreme

Nobody can deny these claims. But some Liberals carry their case to an extreme by trying to pin on the Conservatives the responsibility for the misery of the workers in the early decades of the Industrial Revolution. Actu-

ally the Liberals, in their passion for freedom, opposed the claim of the state to control the conditions of employment and to intervene between the capitalist and his labourers. It was the Conservatives—or at least certain enlightened members of the party—who forced through the factory legislation.

It has surprised the country that the Liberal Party has still enough vitality and financial backing to put up more than 400 candidates. The Party is greatly handicapped by the feud between its right and left wings. The right wing, led by Lady Violet Bonham-Carter (Asquith's daughter) is in favour of very close co-operation with the Conservatives. The extreme left wing, led by Lady Megan Lloyd-George (Lloyd-George's daughter) is friendly to Labour. It is the centre element, led by Mr. Clement Davies and the energetic young party whip, Frank Byers, which has insisted that it should fight on an independent footing. This centrist group says that, small as the Liberals are as a party, they have a programme quite distinct from either Labour or Conservatives: an alliance with either would not make sense.

Mr. Churchill prophesied that the election will not be more than seven or eight years. If it falls in this way, will it give up in despair and dissolve itself? Political life will be the poorer if it does so. There was more sense talked at the recent Liberal Conference than at the party assemblies of either Labour or the Conservatives.

## From an Election note book

(Editor's note.—This is the second instalment of extracts from Windrush's election diary.)

At the Liberal conference, Sir Andrew McEayen riled the Tories with his gibe, "The Tories tag along behind us for ideas. But they expect us to tag along behind them into the division lobbies."

FEBRUARY 1:

Labour seems to be bucking in everything. Most London streets have somewhere the traffic signs "Keep Left" and "No Right Turn". Why should Labour have its propaganda done free of charge?

FEBRUARY 2:

Society has built such a complex organisation that nobody really knows how to operate it. Who, in what party, is absolutely convinced in his reason and not only in his emotion—that he understands all the nature of the economic crisis; and who is quite certain what the remedial measures should be? The honest answer is that nobody knows. The answer is beyond him. In that case, which way does he vote?

Many people are saying that neither the Labour nor the Tory manifesto proposes concrete measures for the crisis. But this is not really true. The Tories have a plan—though whether it is adequate is another matter. The Tory thesis is that the re-

flation which, with temporary checks, has been continuous throughout the present Parliament. It is inflation which has forced up home prices so that Britain cannot export enough to America. China the inflation, they say, and things will gradually come right.

This may be altogether too optimistic. But it does contain

## By "WINDRUSH"

some truth. At least it is likely that if the Americans see Britain taking a resolute—and painful—steps to "save" themselves, they will do all they can on their side to help. (After all they have every interest to do so.) What annoys Americans is the impression Britain gives today of helplessness. If only we build one quarter of the bridge for our own rescue the Americans will probably offer to build the other three quarters.

It is curious how little talk there has been about the devaluation of the pound. If Britain's main trouble is deflation, why devaluation (not likely to make it worse)? But nobody likes to take up this point. Nobody is quite sure yet what the real effects of devaluation will be.

## The little King and the rice bowl

By Jonathan Blow

Can the west halt them? Or will the triumphant Stalinists swallow up all Asia, country by country, India and Malaya included?

And remember that today the tin and rubber of Malaya, earn almost as many dollars as all the factories in Great Britain put together.

The key to this question is the "rice bowl"—Burma, Siam and Indo-China. Cut off the "rice bowl" from India and Malaya, and famine faces their teeming millions. And along the Northern border the "rice bowl" is the victorious armies of Communist China.

## He is shrewd

Much now depends on a plump and very shrewd little man of 37—the Emperor Bao Dai, "Son of Heaven" and monarch in name of four-fifths of the people of Indo-China.

Can Bao—the last alternative to Communism in his now all-important country—right the tottering "Golden Throne" of his ancestors?

For if Bao falls Siam will fall also. And if Siam falls, the already hard-pressed Government of Burma will not last long. The "rice bowl" would be lost and the Red tide would lap the very frontiers of India and Malaya.

## Riches in danger

We could say "good-bye" then to the riches of Malaya, which play so vital a part in Britain's struggle to make ends meet. Today the isolated Communist hands there are hated by British troops and planes. Rubber can still be grown and tin mined. But if once the Communists get a firm base all along the Siamese frontier, they will make things so hot for the planters and miners that they will be driven to the safety of the towns.

American-made guns and even tanks may soon open fire on Bao's "Golden Throne". For Communist China has promised to send an Ambassador, and just today the Moscow Moscow leader of the rebel "government" of Indo-China, and the Chinese Communists

have large stocks of American arms, some captured, but mostly bought from the less idealistic of Chiang Kai-shek's soldiers. Bao's throne is propped up by 150,000 French bayonets "payables" is about the word, for the French lack modern weapons, especially fighter-bombers. They hold the larger towns and the forts along the Chinese frontier, often so hotly besieged that they can be supplied only by parachute.

## Terrorists prowl

Guerilla bands prowl round the French outposts, murdering Bao's supporters, terrorising the peasants, dynamiting power stations, shooting up convoys and melting into the jungle at the approach of strong French columns.

France has lately granted Bao "independence." For Russia has been cashing in on the outburst of nationalism in post-war Asia. And the French hope that an independent Bao may win the genuine nationalists away from Dr. Ho.

Bao would stand a far better chance of doing so if his rule was recognised as independent by other states. Britain and the U.S. has done so. But India hangs back. Pandit Nehru, who strongly objects to Europeans ruling Asia, suspects that Bao is, in fact, a puppet whose strings are pulled from Paris.

## Dollars, too

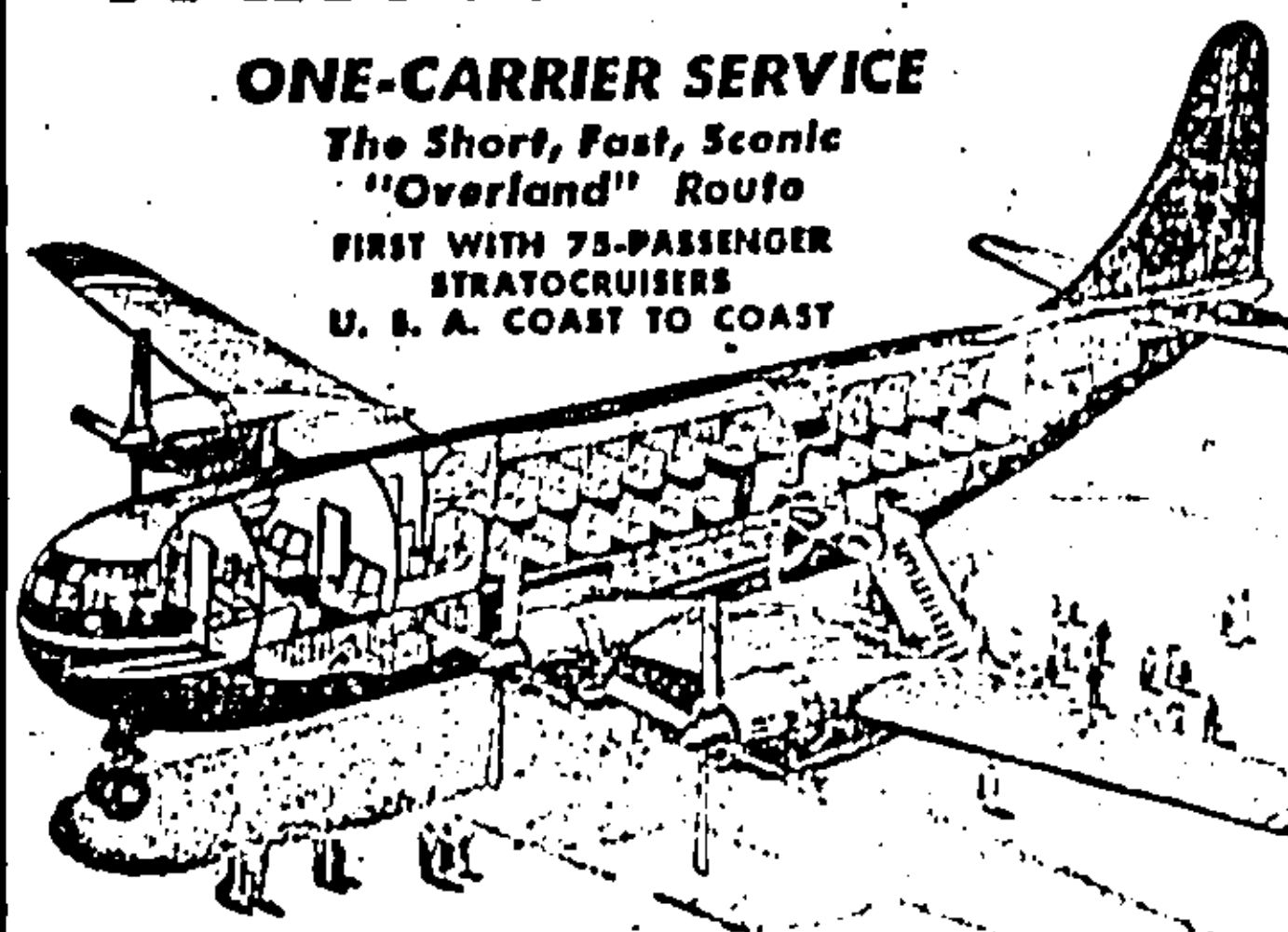
Australia's forceful new Foreign Minister, Mr. Spender, is urging the Commonwealth to send South East Asia all the food, farming machinery and advisers they can spare. And if the Commonwealth makes a stout America may well supply what the missing component "dollars."

But tractors and technicians are not the first need of a country blazing with guerilla warfare. Law and order is the first priority, and for that Bao needs modern arms. Bao's "Golden Throne" is just—and just—damning the flood. Should that dam break, the flood might surge through all Asia.

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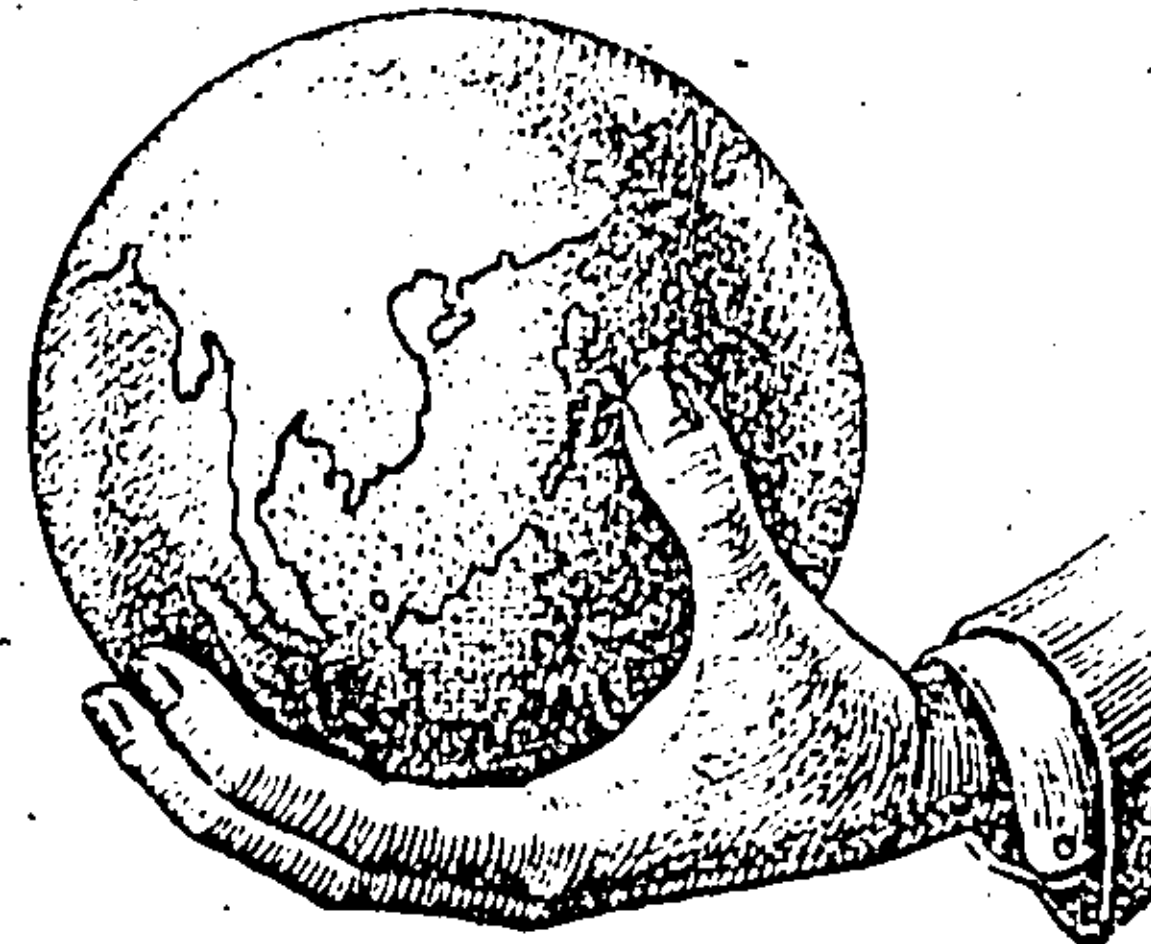
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## DEATH

RUSSEL, Frederick E., Inspector, Hong Kong Police—At sea on board R.M.S. "CANTON" on Sunday February 12, 1950.

## GIRDING THE LOINS

For months, while the house of China was falling before our eyes almost soundlessly, the free democracies have been talking their minds off the one thing needful. That is action to stem the tide. Now it is coming in a rush: a big American loan for new Indonesia—backing and recognition for the new State of Vietnam—mass volunteering in Malaya—and, now, the recommendation of the American Joint Chiefs of Staff that the main emphasis of global strategy should be shifted from Europe to Asia. This in turn coincides with a right-about-face by the opposition parties in the Philippines, from criticism of American defence "privileges" to a demand for more, not less, aid in defence. The next thing needful is strong action to settle the Kashmir problem, for petulance, pettifoggery and pussyfooting can only spell disaster all round.

The Chiefs of Staff have looked at the scene and seen it whole. Little bits and pieces of angry little minds have been rudely swept off the table. There is a banner headline in almost every decision: Global defence should be centred upon Asia in all considerations, from the strategic concept right down to the logistics of supply. Priority for areas in Asia threatened by the advance of Communism. United States military strength should be used for the strengthening of a North-South line projected into South-East Asia. Immediate help for the countries in this area. Transfer of American naval forces from the Atlantic to the Pacific, with General MacArthur in overall command.

In the Philippines, the political opposition has been shocked almost into panic by the spectacle of what has been called Nationalism in China. It turned right round and declared that the defence of the archipelago was inadequate. The majority, under the leadership of President Quirino, are only too ready for stronger measures. Now, with the change of political tactics, local issues can fade into the background, and to quote the "New York Times", a united Philippines and the United States can move toward a realistic appraisal. Both agree that present installations are inadequate to meet defence obligations. The initiative comes from Manila—that is all to the good. It makes it so much easier for us all to withstand the stings of outrageous propaganda, and not to feel it necessary to substitute cynicism for sheer sound sense.

Now at last something serious can be done about a Pacific Union or Pacific Pact. The principle has been laid down that the initiative in this must come from the threatened countries themselves. But hitherto it has been left to the lame, the halt and the blind—an incredible union without even a capital in a period of monumental history-making. It is most appropriate that the first of the new free nations set up after the war should take the first step now that it will have plenty behind it to support its own disabil-



Cairo broadcasting station said to be putting over well-worn wisecracks. Corn out of Egypt...

Seems everything about Hong Kong fish is under control except the price to the public.

With regard to these Communists in Calcutta, Myro wonders if it would be correct to refer to them as Red Indians.

Main thing for World War Three's "robot infantrymen" is that in all circumstances they must remain cool, calm and connected.

Einstein thinks a supernatural government is all that is needed, to ensure peace. Or a supernatural one?

Counterfeit. Attempts by Canton Industries to help out with our 10-cent shortage are not entirely appreciated by the local authorities.

British housewives who complained that the egg ration is insufficient have been told that an omelette is as good as a feast.

With the visit of USS Boxer, once again a Boone faces the Red men on America's far-flung frontiers.

The trail of '50. Those 6,000 Canucks and Yanks playing soldiers in the middle of the Yukon winter know now why the Russians called the place Alas-ka.

A striking point. In Hong Kong it is certainly men on principal who take the most interest where our public utilities are concerned.

"Are you married?" the officer asked the new volunteer. "Yes, sir." "Any children?" "Yes, sir. Five girls and four boys." "Nine altogether." "No, sir—one at a time."

His Majesty is reported to be very generous towards charities. Long live the King.

fence of Western Europe?... Security means the union of the West. And here it cannot be said that the record of the present administration is a good one. In the eyes of the world it figures as half-hearted, timid, jealous. But the British electorate is really not going to vote anti-Labour because of this. It is a period when foreign affairs are in the background. People prefer not to think about the hydrogen-bomb. Similarly Mr. Churchill's attempt yesterday to blame the Government for selling its jet planes to the Argentine will fall on deaf ears. Very few people, except the experts give two thoughts to the number of planes which the RAF has. It was very different 10 years ago; it may be different next year. But at present there is no interest. And politics is the art of dealing only with the topical.

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# SINO-SOVIET TREATY SIGNED IN MOSCOW

## Moscow rejects Western charges on Austria

Moscow, February 14. "Pravda" today rejected British, American and French claims that the Soviet Union is delaying the conclusion of an Austrian peace treaty. The paper said such charges constitute part of a deliberate campaign of falsification and slander aimed to shift the blame from the side of the Western allies to the Soviet Union.

The "Pravda" article, by N. Mitrofanov, asserted that, actually, the Soviet Union did its utmost to solve the Austrian problem, but that the Western powers are deliberately retarding it because they want to continue the occupa-

tion and use Vienna as an aggressive base against the Soviet Union and the Eastern European countries.

The paper said: "Why do the Anglo-American and French Governments, while delaying preparations for the treaty, hypocritically declare that the Soviet Union holds up the work of the deputy Foreign Ministers?"

"Pravda" replied by citing various utterances of Western Personages, Press and radio.

For instance it quoted General Mark Clark as saying: "Austria is a bastion for the United States on route to the Middle East and Eastern Europe."

It cited an American official in Austria, S. Williams, and Senator Thomas to the effect that "American troops must remain in Vienna at any price."

"Super-fortress"

"Pravda" found additional evidence of American designs on Austria in a recent article in the "Oesterreichische Nachrichten" licensed in the American zone, which said:

"The Western powers must continue the occupation of Austria to carry out the American plan calling for the conversion of the Austrian Alps into a super-fortress with aircraft bases, underground factories, and artillery installations."

"Pravda" accused the ruling circles in the United States, Britain and France of deliberately deceiving public opinion while at the same time encouraging Neo-Nazi elements in Austria in an effort to "convert the country into a military, strategic base for new adventures of the American aspirants for world domination."

United Press.

## NEW HOPE FOR REFUGEES

Lake Success, February 14. A United Nations committee today brought new hope to uncounted millions of refugees of two world wars and the Spanish civil war.

It adopted a draft convention calling on the contracting states to refrain from discriminating against a refugee on account of his religion or country of origin or because he is a refugee.

The draft convention relating to the status of refugees was approved without a vote by the ad hoc committee on statelessness and related problems of the Economic and Social Council.

The committee also called on member states to re-examine their nationality laws with a view to reducing so far as possible cases of statelessness which arise from the operation of such laws and to contribute to a reduction in the number of stateless persons by extending to them an opportunity to be naturalized.

United Press.

## PONTIFF ILL

Vatican City, February 14. The Pope, propped up on pillows in his austere bedroom in the Vatican Palace, today continued working despite a slight attack of influenza.

His personal physicians visited him this morning, diagnosed in flu with inflammation of the throat and a slight temperature and ordered several days' rest. All audiences have been cancelled until further notice.—Reuter.

He said: "Service has been sent to India to determine what policies we shall pursue with that nation. He is also one of the men, who determine the policy of the United States in China and told the Administration that the best thing we could do was to let the Communists save China."

Service, he said, has been questioned by the FBI several times regarding his loyalty.—United Press.

## ACCUSATION BY SENATOR

Las Vegas, February 14. Republican Senator Joseph McCarthy charged today that a State Department official who has not been cleared by the Loyalty Board determined United States policy in China and is now determining American policy in India.

The Senator said that the official is John W. Service, one of the 37 persons on the State Department payroll who have not been cleared by the Loyalty Board.

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## Thirty-year alliance "against aggression" RUSSIA TO WITHDRAW FROM PORT ARTHUR

LONDON, FEBRUARY 14. RADIO MOSCOW REPORTED TONIGHT THE SIGNING OF A 30-YEAR SINO-SOVIET TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP, ALLIANCE AND MUTUAL AID AND A SERIES OF AGREEMENTS, INCLUDING A LONG-TERM RUSSIAN ECONOMIC CREDIT OF US\$300,000,000 TO CHINA.

The broadcast said the purpose of the treaty is to prevent a rise in Japanese imperialism and any new aggression that might be launched by any country directly or indirectly in contact with Japan. (The reference is apparently to the United States).

The Moscow broadcast said the treaty provides for the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Port Arthur and for the transfer of complete ownership of the Changchun railway to China.

The treaty was negotiated by Marshal Stalin, the Soviet Foreign Minister, Andrei Vyshinsky, the Chinese Communist leader, Mao Tse-tung, and the Chinese Foreign Minister, Chou En-lai.

The communiqué said, "The negotiations, which took place in an atmosphere of cordiality and friendly mutual understanding confirmed the striving of both sides to strengthen in every way and to develop relations of friendship and co-operation between them as well as their desire to co-operate for the purpose of guaranteeing general peace and security of the nations."

The negotiations ended by the signing at the Kremlin on February 14 of:

1. A treaty of friendship, alliance and mutual aid between the Soviet Union and the Chinese People's Republic.

2. Agreements on the Chinese Changchun railway, Port Arthur and Dairen under which, after the signing of the peace treaty with Japan, the Chinese Changchun railway will pass into complete ownership of the Chinese People's Republic, while Soviet troops will be withdrawn from Port Arthur.

3. An agreement by which the Government of the USSR will give to the Government of the Chinese People's Republic long-term economic credit for payments of deliveries of industrial and railway equipment from the USSR.

4. The broadcast said that both Mr. Vyshinsky and Chou En-lai agreed in an exchange of notes that the corresponding treaty and agreements concluded on August 14, 1945, between China and the Soviet Union have now become invalid.

Moscow said that both the Moscow and Peking Governments have agreed to affirm "complete guarantee of the independent status of the Mongolian People's Republic as a result of the referendum of 1945 and the establishment with her of diplomatic relations by the Chinese People's Republic."

The broadcast said that both Governments agreed that Russia would hand over without compensation to the Government of the Chinese People's Republic property secured by Soviet economic organizations from Japanese owners in Manchuria.

It said Mr. Vyshinsky and Chou En-lai agreed in their notes that Russia would hand over without compensation (to the Peking Government) all buildings of the former military settlement in Peking.

A Peking radio announcement on the treaty, heard in Tokyo and translated by the Japanese Kyodo news agency, gives the six articles of the treaty as follows:

1. A treaty aimed at containing new aggression by Japan and

any foreign power or combination of powers connected with Japan with the object of committing aggression. In the case of such aggression, the parties to the new agreement will interchange military and all other necessary aid.

2. Conclusion of a Japanese peace treaty as early as possible by the allies who fought in the last war.

3. The parties to the alliance shall refrain from entering into agreements with such foreign powers as are inimical to the alliance.

4. Mutual consultations over major international problems.

5. Cultural co-operation based on a spirit of equality and mutual respect for national integrity and non-interference in each nation's internal affairs.

6. The alliance becomes effective 30 days following the date of ratification.

Two annexes

The Peking radio said the alliance includes two annexes covering:

a) The extension of credits; b) The future status of the Manchurian railways and Dairen and Port Arthur.

The Manchurian annexe provides for the unconditional return to China of the Manchurian railways, Dairen and Port Arthur immediately on the conclusion of the Japanese peace treaty, and in any case not later than 1952.

The treaty, in which the Chinese Communist leader, Mao Tse-tung, apparently won important concessions in Manchuria, also clears the military, economic and cultural life of the two Communist countries.

The broadcast from Peking said the treaty is aimed at preventing the revival of Japan as an imperialistic power. But it applied to all powers directly or indirectly connected with Japan. These powers would include the United States which is represented by General MacArthur as Supreme Commander of the Allied Powers.

The new alliance scraps the one signed by T. V. Soong, Nationalist Premier, and the then Russian Foreign Minister, V. M. Molotov, on August 14, 1945. That treaty, which gave Russia broad rights in Manchuria,

## Farewell banquet for Mao Tse-tung

Moscow, February 14. The Chinese Ambassador, Wang Chia-hsiang, gave a banquet honouring Mao Tse-tung, chairman of the Chinese People's Republic, and Soviet leaders at the Hotel Metropol tonight.

Foreign observers regard the banquet in the nature of a farewell party for Mao, who has been here for nine weeks negotiating a treaty.

Mao is expected to travel elsewhere in the Soviet Union before returning to China.—United Press.

## SPLIT IN SIAMESE CABINET

Bangkok, February 14. A split in the Siamese Cabinet and a warning of possible revolutionary activity against the Government have followed a proposal by the Premier, Marshal Luang Pibul Songgram, to give recognition to the new independent Indo-China states of Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos.

The discussion on recognition was deferred after the Cabinet failed to reach unanimity yesterday, a Cabinet spokesman said.

Reliable Ministerial sources confirmed that the Siamese Foreign Minister, Phay Sarasin, was among the group of Ministers who opposed the recognition proposal.

It was also reliably learned that the Cabinet opposition, based on the advocacy of a political "wait and see" was reinforced by strong Army General Staff representations that recognition of Bao Dai's Vietnam regime could cause grave internal unrest in Siam's North Eastern provinces bordering on Indo-China.

The General Staff's contention was reported to be that several thousand Vietnamese and Laos refugees from Indo-China's civil war, now living in North East Siam, might incite revolutionary activity against Siam's Government if that Government extended recognition to the Bao Dai regime to which the refugees were said to be bitterly opposed.

The Deputy Chief of the Siamese police, Major General Phao Sriyanond, was said tonight to be leaving for the North and North Eastern Siamese borders this week to assess the danger of Communist-directed border intrigue.—Reuter.

## MADAME CHIANG'S TAIWAN TOUR

Kaihsing, February 14. A quarter-mile long line of officers, cadets and bluejackets at Keelung naval base extended to welcome to Madame Chiang Kai-shek this afternoon on her island tour.

Accompanied by Admiral Kwei Yung-ching, she inspected the Navy hospital and schools shortly after arriving from Kanglehsan air base. At a dinner party she said the Chinese navy had made great improvements in recent years.

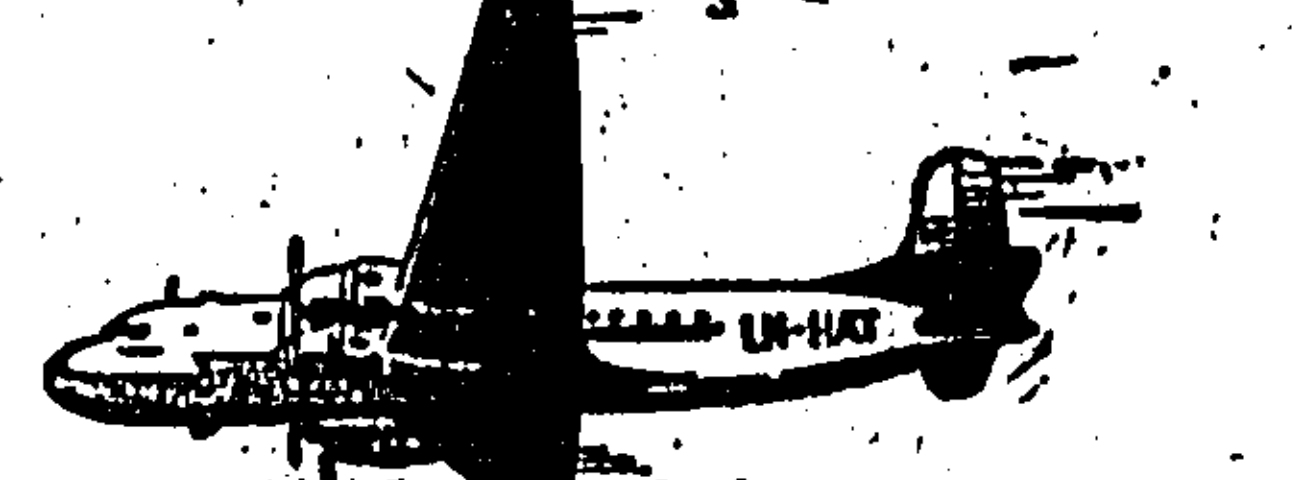
Recalling reports of Navy defections, she said she thought there was a good chance to clean up rotten elements in the Navy.—United Press.

## HK CARGO FOR SINGAPORE?

Singapore, February 15. A news agency report from Hong Kong (not Reuter) yesterday that thousands of tons of heavy material destined for Communist China are being sent for storage in Singapore godowns by Hong Kong firms because Hong Kong has run out of storage space, cannot be confirmed here.

The Acting Chairman of the Singapore Harbour Board agreed that in the past three months the tonnage of merchandise handled at wharves was at a high level. However, he said, there was no indication that Hong Kong cargoes were being sent to Singapore for storage.—Reuter.

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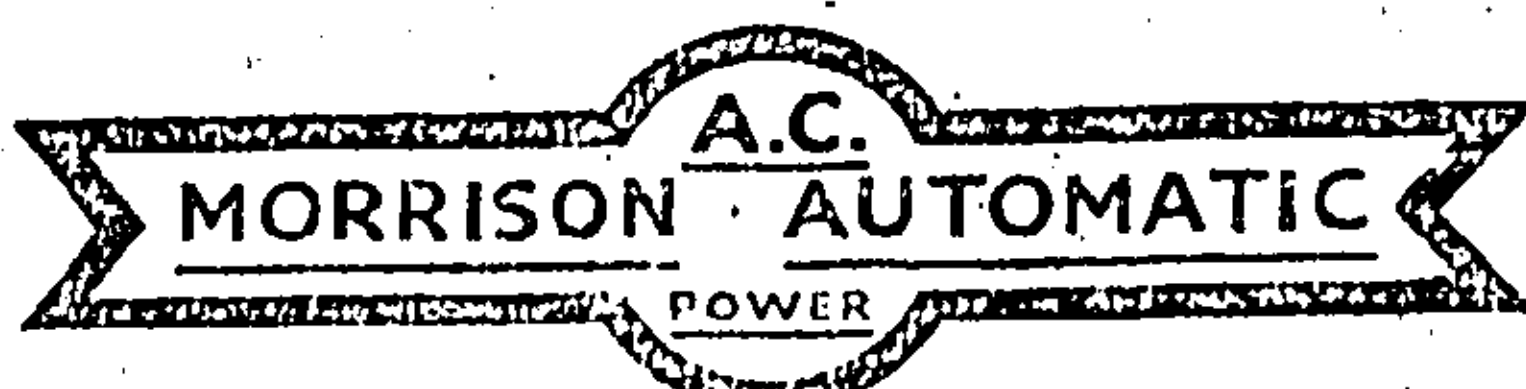
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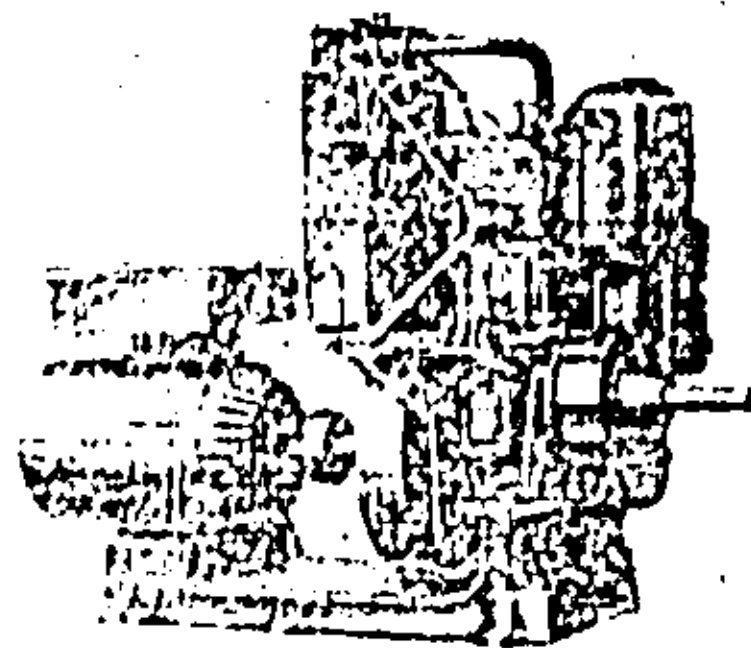
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# ENGINEERING PAGE

## PRODUCTION IS MATERIAL ON THE MOVE

By Thomas N. Parlon

While material handling is a part of production and most times loses its identity under that heading, it is in itself a productive work. Simply stated, material handling is moving material from one spot to another during its course of manufacture. For that reason how it is moved becomes a vital item in the cost of finished product.

A major problem of the manufacturer today is how to handle material fast enough to keep pace with the capacity of his production machines. Just as some of our highways today are inadequate to handle motor cars that travel over them, so muscle methods of handling material are inadequate when it comes to keeping production machines working at their full capacity. Now that is an important thing to remember for machines are most economical when performing at full capacity on the job they were designed to do.

When a skilled operator must stand idly by at the rate of U.S. \$2 per hour, while he waits for parts to be carried or dragged to his machine by muscle power, you don't have to be an expert accountant to figure that it is a waste of money. And with the abrupt rise of the breakeven point, with which almost every business is being faced today, material handling may well be the difference between profit and loss.

When muscle power does the lifting, pushing and pulling the production curve is bound to go down while the cost curve goes up, especially when you consider the fact that the average man can only do as much work as a 1/2 h.p. electric motor. It is no wonder muscle power can't keep pace with modern production machines.

### By the score

Remember, those machines are capable of turning out parts and finished products by the score. For example, a recent installation of a 10-station machine in an automobile plant drills 80 holes in a cylinder block, with one operator running the machine by pushbutton. To keep up with this kind of production—to move such quantities through a plant in the least possible time at the lowest possible cost, your material handling methods must be as modern as your production methods.

There is hardly a plant superintendent or manager who couldn't tell you to the fraction of a penny how much it is costing him to fabricate a part,

but just ask him how much it is costing him to move a ton of material through his plant, and he is sunk.

Have you any idea of the cost of handling materials in the course of manufacturing a given product? Carefully kept records show that material handling, which is entirely non-productive work, mini you, accounts (on an average) for 30 cents of every dollar spent for production. Think of it: 30 cents of every dollar goes for non-productive work. And that is average. In many plants it is even more. If you cut that by just 5 cents, think of the money you would save!

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The modern plant is basically a material handling system, for production is material on the move. Whether or not parts or ingredients arrive in bulk or in boxes, on skids or on pallets, all must be moved into stores, through processing operations

where temporary storages very likely are encountered, then as finished products into storage and into shipping. How efficiently these moves are made determines whether or not production costs are high or low. You say, "My material handling costs are too high. So what do I do, grab the nearest telephone and order a fork truck?"

### Cost of product

To that question, let me ask you one. "How do you determine the cost of a product?" You make a cost analysis, of course. So much steel at so much per ton. So much machine screws at so much per gross. So many men per hour, and so on, until you have your costs of manufacture. Then you take a look at them; if they appear too high, you go over your time and motion study; you find a way to have each man turn out five more parts per hour; your unit cost drops a few pennies. You study a little more and shave your production costs another fraction. Pretty soon there is precious little left to shave. You reach bottom.

Well, that is how you attack your material handling problem—by a thorough study of every handling job in your plant. But don't become alarmed, because it is not like your machine production problem—there is plenty left to shave from your materials handling cost.

Let's consider briefly some of the things we want to accomplish in order to realize substantial

savings in our material handling operation:

1. We want to move as much material at one time as is necessary to keep our production machines working at full capacity.

2. We want to eliminate the extra cost of needless rehandling of individual pieces—rehandling can mushroom 10 tons per day into 1,000 tons per day.

3. We want to keep skilled, high-priced workers producing every minute they are on the job.

4. We want to release as many men as possible for productive work.

5. We want to conserve storage space.

6. We want to permit the most effective use of present plant layout or improve it by change.

7. We want to avoid muscle moving, because it saps workers' energy and cuts down their productivity.

8. We want to make it safer for workers, to safeguard materials against damage.

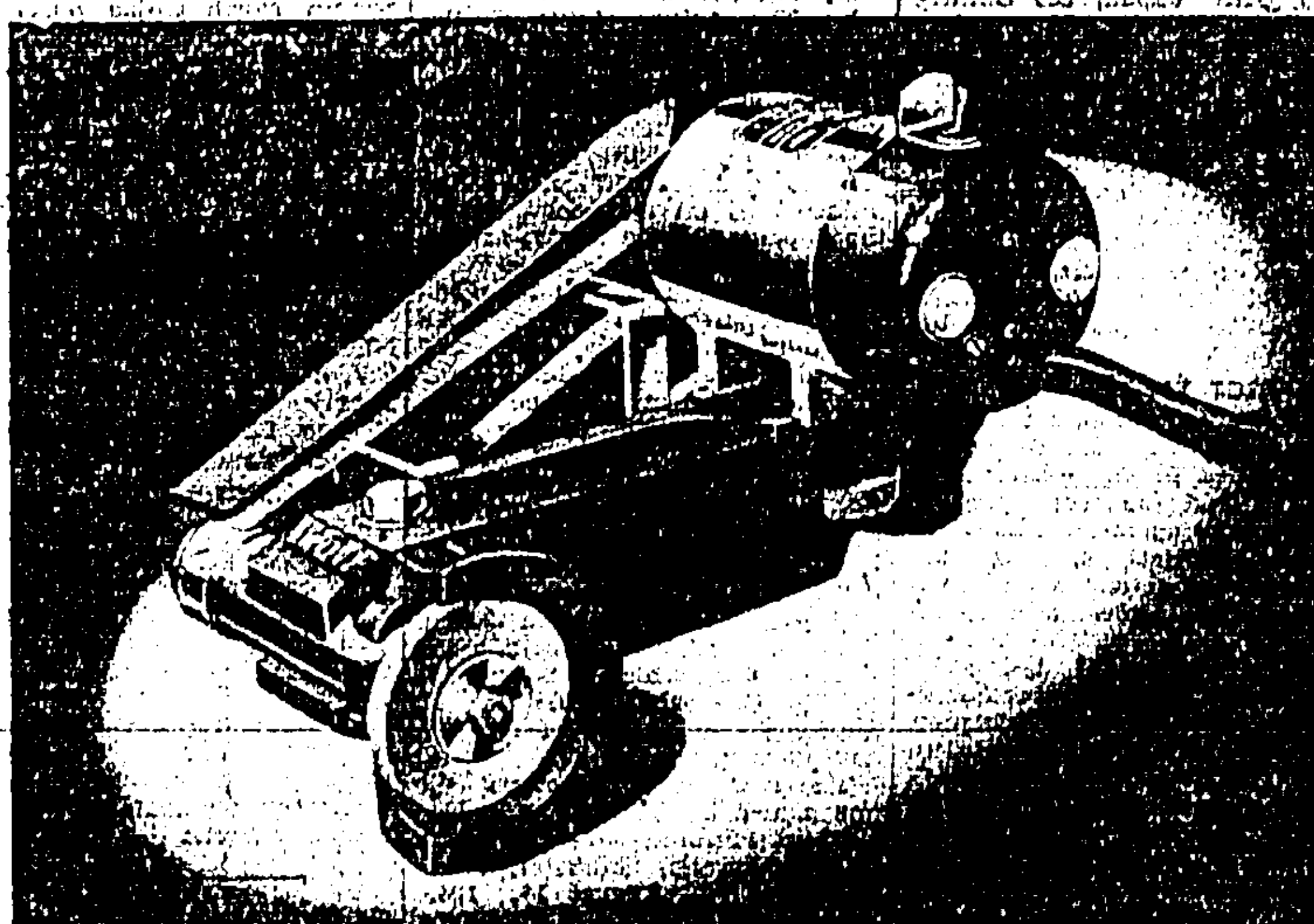
9. We want to assure a better inventory control of materials.

10. We want to help reduce demurrage charges by a faster loading and unloading of trucks, railroad cars, and vessels.

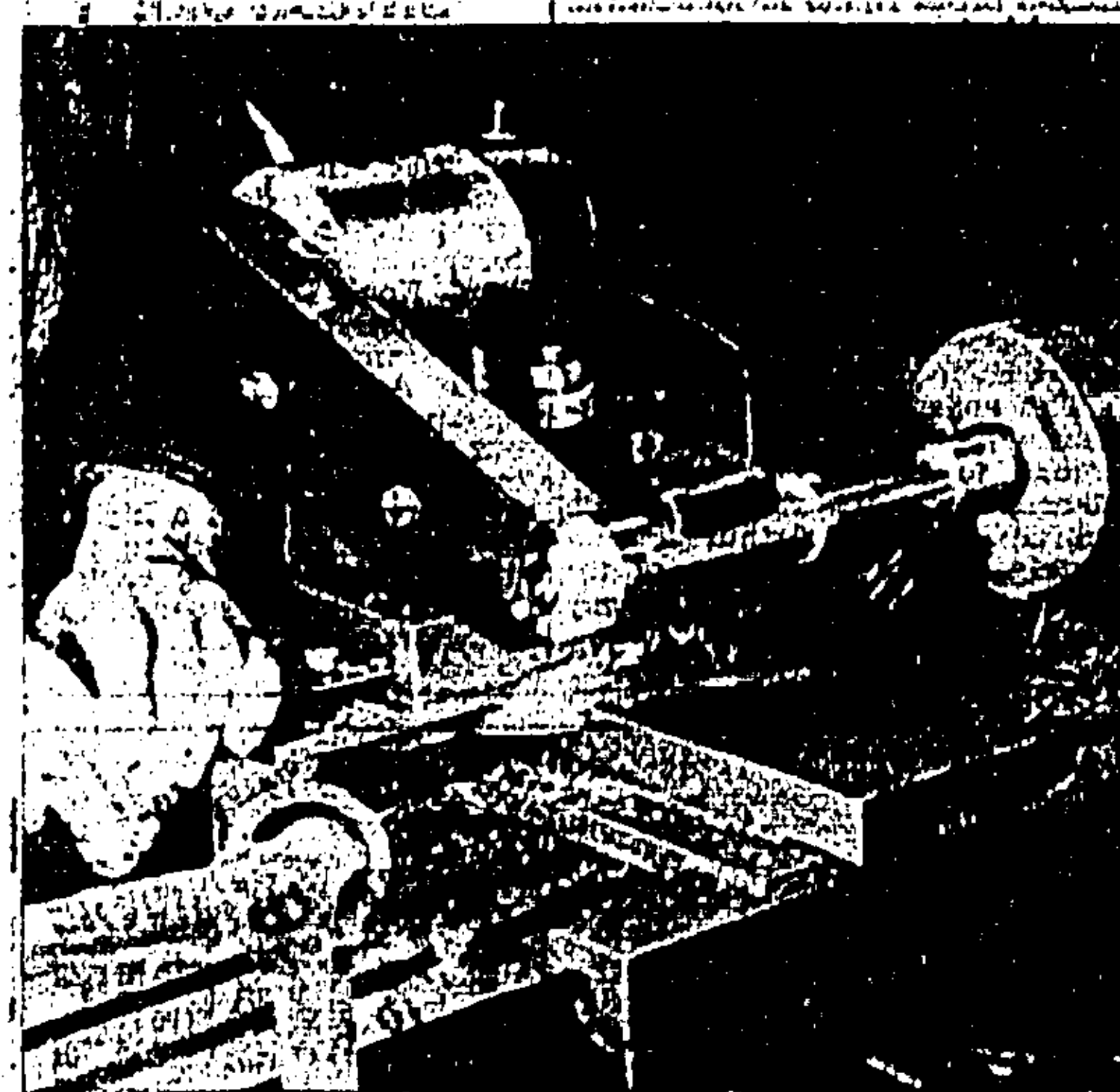
These are the things we want to do and must do, if we are to reduce our material handling costs. Now, how can we best do them? Obviously the job is too big, too important to be treated lightly. If you do not now have a man whose direct responsibility it is to keep an eagle eye on production flow in your plant, then appoint one.

(Continued next week)

## Centre grinding on Wolf lathes



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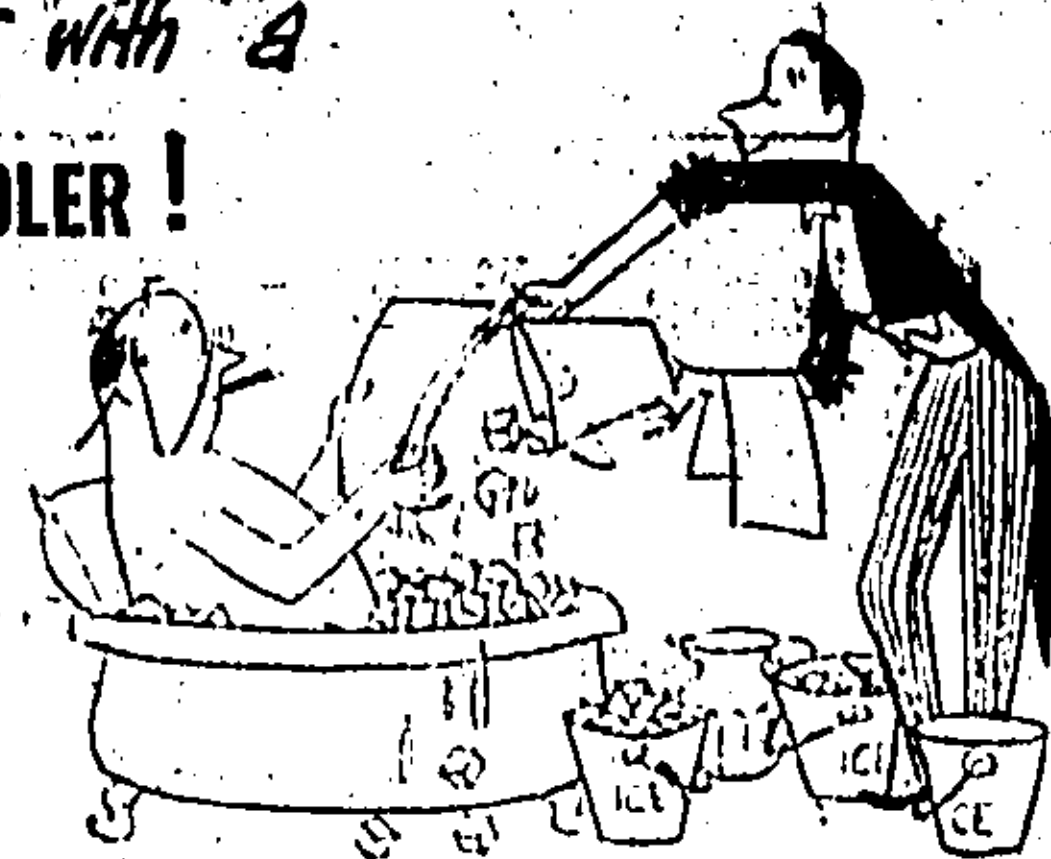
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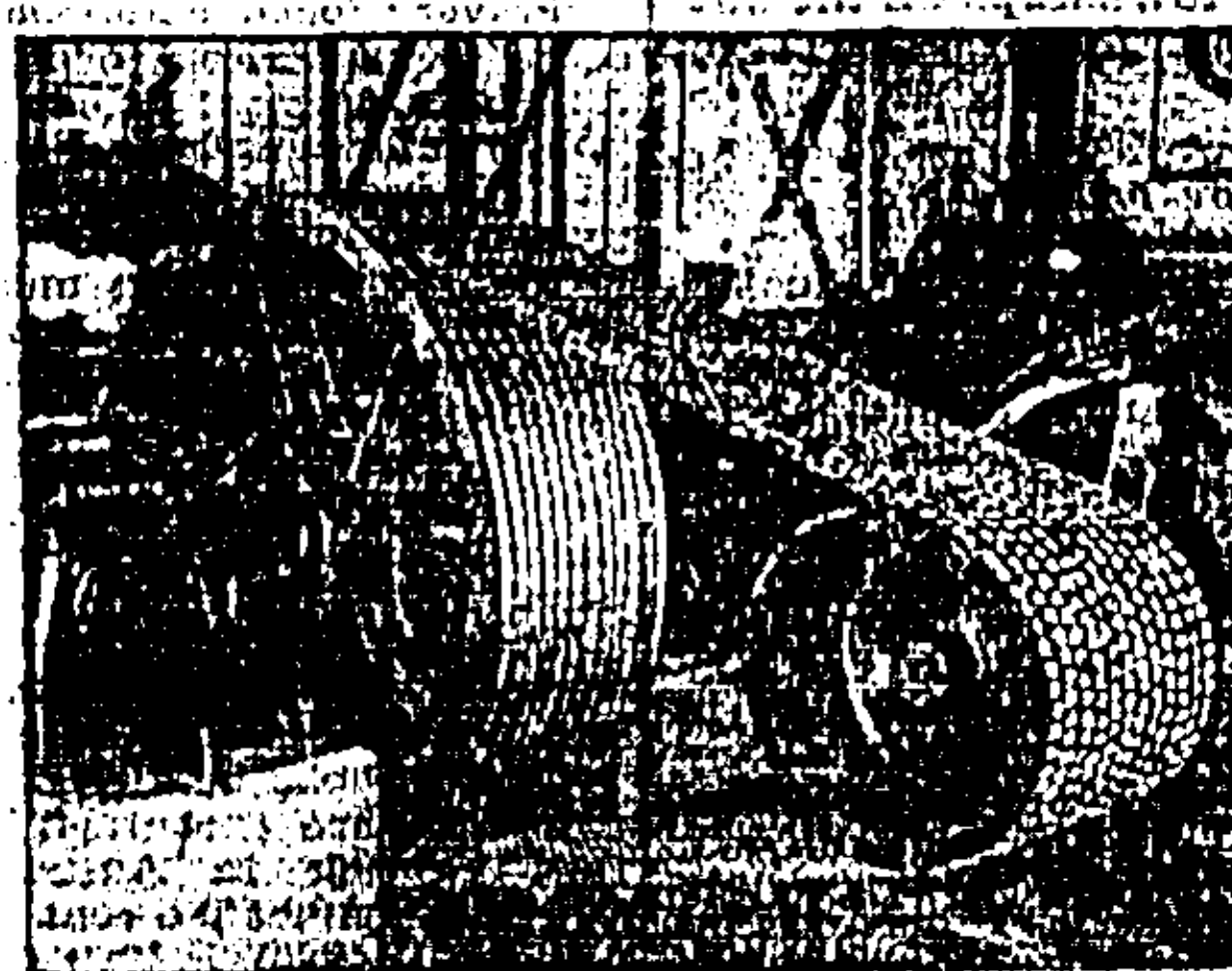
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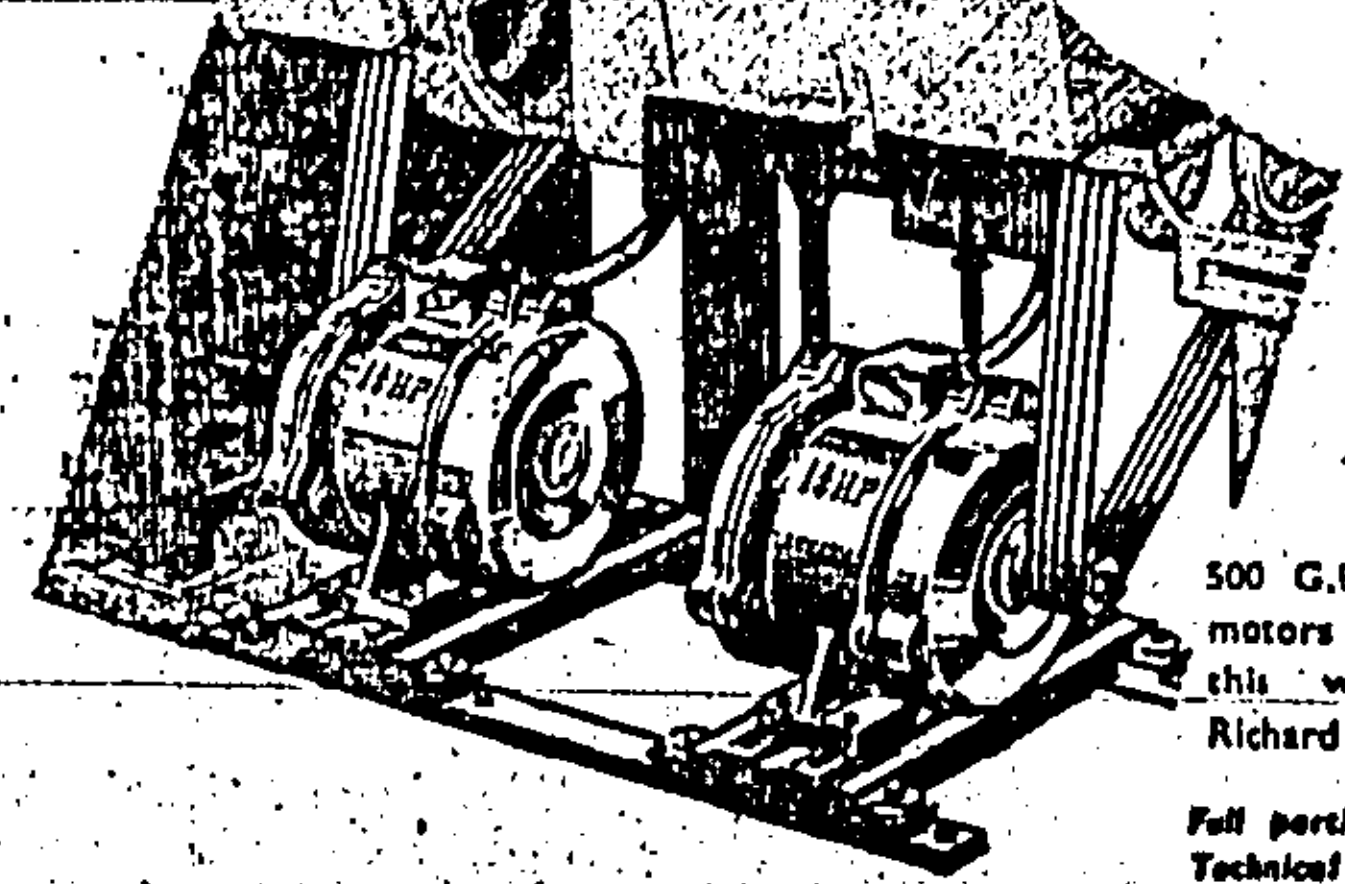
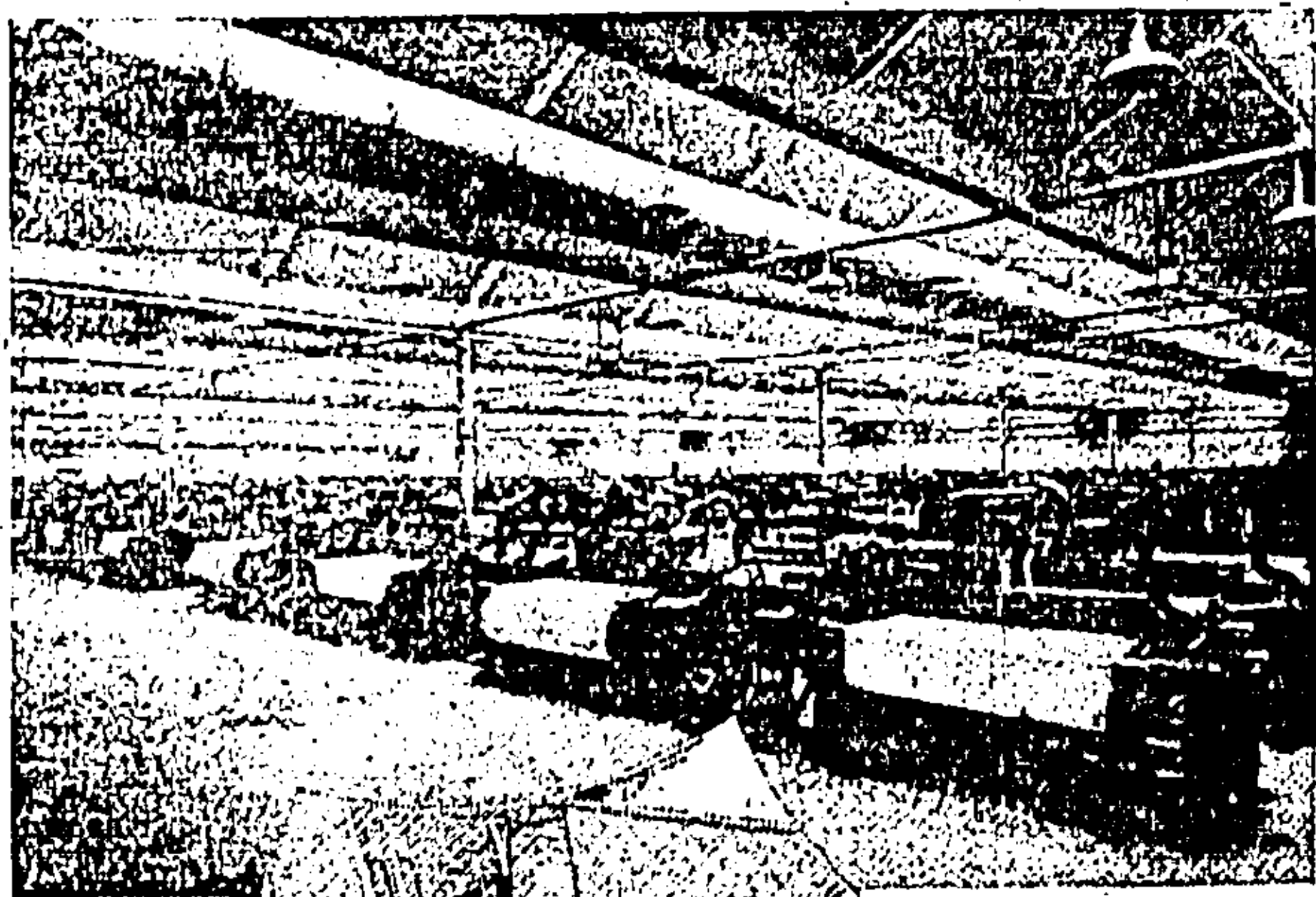
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# EMPIRE-U.S. CO-OPERATION IN AID SCHEME FOR ASIA

Bangkok, February 14.

The establishment of liaison between the United States and the Commonwealth for co-ordinated economic aid to South East Asia was discussed today by the 17 American diplomatic and Asia mission chiefs meeting here.

Sources close to the three-day conference, which began yesterday, said that the United States representative from Japan urged the conclusion of an early peace treaty as a means of stimulating Japanese political responsibility and initiative for the benefit of all South East Asia.

After today's session a conference delegate said that the economic aid plan for Asia projected at the recent Commonwealth conference in Ceylon was considered by the Americans to be the most practical so far put forward for the development of under-developed areas under President Truman's "Point Four".

The conference said in an official communiqué:

"Views were exchanged concerning ways in which the desired co-ordination between the Point Four programme and the United Nations programme and the Governments or of the Commonwealth could be achieved.

"The inter-relationships of programmes in various countries and in different conditions in each one of the countries affecting the programmes were also studied.

"There was discussion of the role of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the International Monetary Fund as well as of the Export-Import Bank and other potential sources of financial assistance.

## Asian alliance

"The conference then proceeded to consider various types of Point Four projects and in this connection heard reports of comparable projects which had been carried out in several countries, such as work of the Joint Commission on rural construction carried out by the Economic Co-operation Administration on the Chinese mainland and Taiwan and work in the Philippines under the Philippine rehabilitation.

"The conference also discussed administrative problems involved in the Point Four programme from the point of view of operations in the field and their relation to the administration of the programme in Washington."

The conference tackled two urgent problems—an Asian alliance against Communism and a peace treaty for Japan.

The diplomats also discussed work done under the Philippine Reconstruction Act.

The 20 diplomats buckled down to major questions after four sessions of political, economic and social reports.

A brief announcement on the Japanese peace treaty was at the very least sure evidence, the United States has not abandoned plans for an immediate treaty, as is believed frequently in Tokyo.

Simultaneously, the announcement showed how this question fits into Asia's economic situation.

## Japan treaty

Dr. Philip C. Jessup, U. S. Ambassador-at-large (who is presiding), issued a statement saying, "Certain aspects of the problem of conclusion of a peace treaty with Japan were discussed."

There was no indication whether the diplomats discussed means of expediting the treaty. It was evident, however, that the State Department has not altered its previous policy of insisting on the importance of an early treaty, supported by other Asiatic nations.

Dr. Jessup's statement said the diplomats are studying reactions of Asian nations to various suggestions which have been made in the past concerning the possibility of some kind of regional association in the area.

He did not amplify this. It was understood, however, that the talks revolved around the much proposed Asian anti-Communist pact. This first was suggested by the Philippines and Thailand.

Each diplomat explained the views expressed on such a pact in the country to which he is accredited. It is known that the South Korean Republic wants a military pact.

Bao Dai's French-backed Vietnam Government in Indo-China is also believed to favour a military agreement.

Dr. Jessup said on Saturday that the U.S. would not initiate a military alliance in Asia, but would be sympathetic if the nations themselves got together and organized one.

The chief stumbling block in India, which has been neutral in Asia's hot-cold war, the Philippines have also been cool toward a military pact.

## Policy review

In New York, "The Times" editorial said that the American Government is "reviewing its whole Far Eastern policy with both military and political levels."

"The Times" said the military aspects were outlined to President Truman by the Joint Chiefs of Staff while the political aspects are still being analysed by the State Department.

The editorial said: "Whether these surveys will succeed in producing a new Far Eastern policy

# Russia tries to raise sea power

Washington, February 14.

Recent reports from behind the Iron Curtain have led American officials to suggest that Russia is putting on pressure in a drive to increase her seapower.

As the latest moves in this direction, they noted two announcements made in Moscow:

1.—V. A. Malashov, a deputy chairman of the Soviet Council of Ministers, was named Minister of Shipbuilding.

2.—Ivan Isidorovich Nosenko, Minister of Transport Machinery, became Malashov's deputy.

Malashov is an engineer with a reputation for getting things done. During the war he was credited with applying the push behind his country's war material production.

More recently he has served as Minister of Transport Engineering and heavy machine building. In announcing Malashov's appointment, Moscow made no mention of what was expected of his new post. In the past the Shipbuilding Ministry has been concerned only with civilian shipping.

Nosenko, who made a record as head of the Transport Ministry, is an Admiral, and Malashov has a strong military background. He held the wartime rank of Colonel General in the tank corps and has been awarded the Order of Lenin and the Hero of Socialist Labour.

These facts, coupled with recent reports of several construction jobs, led to speculation that substantial progress may be expected in the building of both a naval and merchant fleet.

The authoritative British manual June's Fighting Ships, reported last month that Russia was building three 35,000 ton battleships equipped to fire radio-controlled aerial torpedoes.

June's also said the Soviet Union was building a fleet of 1,000 submarines.

Officials concerned with interpreting the announcements made by Moscow noted that the machine industry recently was praised for its production record in the third quarter of last year while nothing was said of shipbuilding. Some thus believe the ship represented an effort to spur a lagging agency.

A Soviet Russia has shipbuilding centres at Leningrad, Odessa and Vladivostok, among other ports, but officials said the Soviet regime in the past has favoured the construction and improvement of railways over the development of shipping and waterways.—Associated Press.

remains to be revealed. But there are signs to indicate at least the direction in which American policy is being urged to move. That direction is toward stiffening our positions in the Far East and digging in for long range defence coupled with an effort to unify Far Eastern nations in a common policy."

The paper said a stiffening of the American military position is indicated by reinforcement of the Pacific Fleet and placing all American naval forces in Japanese water under General Douglas MacArthur's command in case of emergency.

The editorial said countries in the Western Pacific and South East Asia are moving toward forming a cultural and economic union, and pointed out that an organizational meeting for this purpose has been proposed for the near future.

It said: "In recommending this course, President Quirino of the Philippines is acting in conformity with an announcement by the Ambassador-at-large, Dr. Philip Jessup, to the effect that while the Philippine Government will not take the initiative in such a move it is nevertheless in sympathy with it and will extend aid to it in its effort to stop Communist penetration." — Reuter, Associated Press and United Press.

## "Flying saucers" again

Copenhagen, February 14.

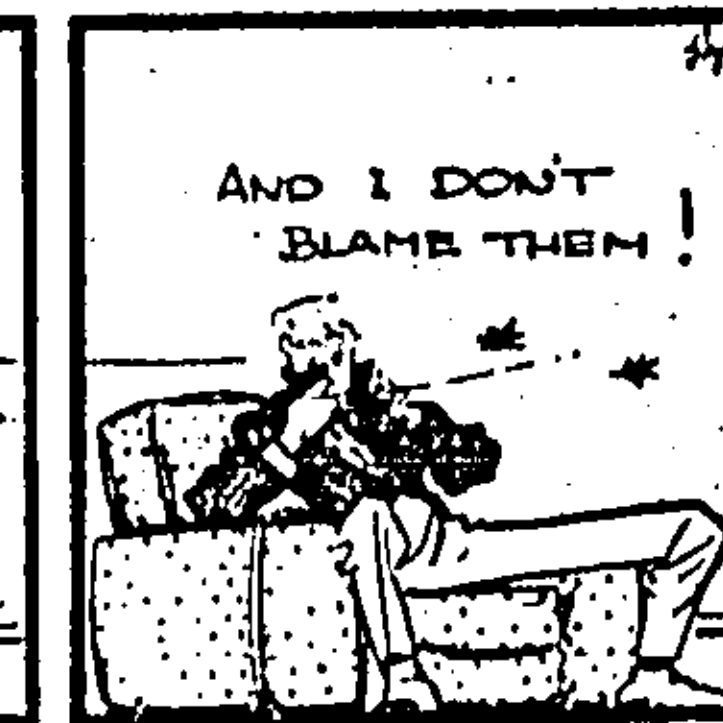
Two "flying saucers" over Jutland were reported today by the Conservative newspaper, "Berlingske Tidende." The paper quoted a responsible elderly couple for seeing "a saucer-shaped object appear from the South-East with a band round it."

The object crashed without trace in a shower of sparks a few yards from a house.

A second "saucer" disappeared out of sight, the paper said.

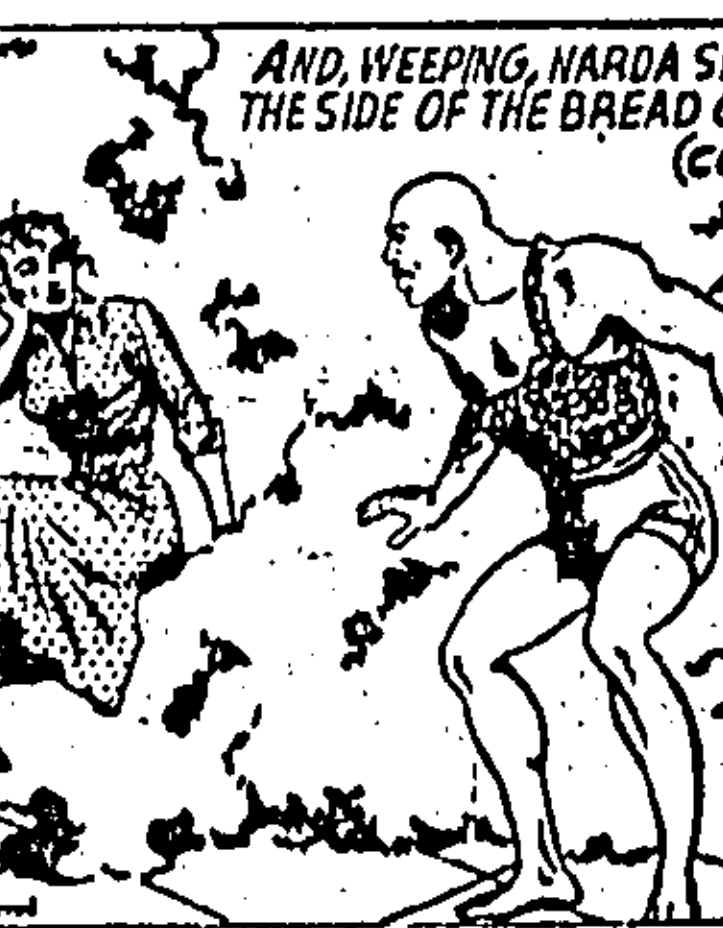
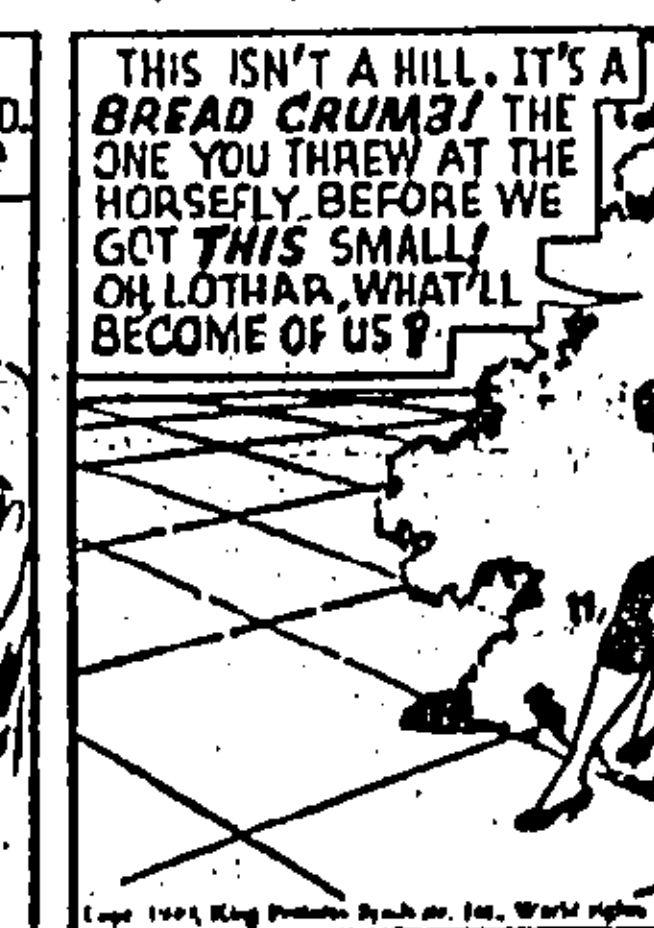
The United States Air Force three months ago denied reports that white egg-shaped flying objects were observation aircraft from another planet and attributed them to mass hysteria and the results of natural phenomena.—Reuter.

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## Warning against arms agreement with Russians

Washington, February 15.

Mr. Will Clayton, former Under-Secretary of State, cautioned today against an arms agreement with Russia at this time and said the Western powers could never fully trust the Soviet. Mr. Clayton told Senators that any arms pact between this country and Russia would be unfortunate because it would only link the United States into a false sense of security.

## Truman's plan for 1952.

Washington, February 15.

One of President Truman's chief Californian supporters said, after a White House conference today, that the Chief Executive is talking about running for re-election in 1952.

The President chatted briefly with George Luckey of Los Angeles, vice-chairman of the California Democratic Central Committee.

Mr. Luckey told newsmen he informed the President he wanted him to run again.

"What did he say?" asked reporters.

Mr. Luckey: "He said maybe so. He said if we have some time together again maybe we could do something."

Mr. Luckey said that by that the President referred to the people who supported him in his successful 1948 bid for the Presidency.

Mr. Luckey also told reporters, "I have just been talking to the next President of the United States," and said he had used the same words to Mr. Truman, and the President had not repudiated them.—United Press.

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11.15—Weather Report, World News and Home News from Britain. (London Relay Recorded).  
11.30—Close Down.

## War inevitable

Mr. Clayton said an Atlantic Union, which would have a single currency, no trade barriers and a single foreign policy, would give the Western powers a preponderance of strength in the cold war.

Russia will not start a shooting war unless her leaders think they can win, he said. So long as both sides continue to build up their strength to see which can be better prepared, war is inevitable in time he added.

Support for an alternate proposal came from other witnesses, including Senator Ferguson. The Michigan Republican is one of the sponsors of a proposal to restrict the veto power in the United Nations, strengthen the world court and establish a police force capable of keeping world peace.

Senator Ferguson said if this country would take the lead in such a move, it would be welcomed by the peace loving nations of the world, whose faith and hopes have been shaken by the events of the past five years.—Associated Press.

## Empire Ministers in dispute

Canberra, February 14.

The Australian Commerce Minister, John McEwan, today accused Britain's Food Ministry of refraining from buying Australian wheat when Britain needs to save dollars.

Mr. McEwan rebuked the British Food Minister, John Strachey, who recently criticised Australia for ending petrol rationing.

This was the latest crossfire between members of the anti-Labourist Australian Government and Ministers of the Attlee Labour Government.

Mr. Strachey last week criticised Australia for ending petrol rationing. He called it extravagant spending that would mean Australia would dip further into the Empire dollar pool that she shares with Britain.

Mr. McEwan said it was curious that the British Food Minister should be the spokesman on Empire dollar expenditures when his own Ministry is buying substantial quantities of Canadian and U.S. wheat for dollars and at a higher delivered price than that being asked for Australian wheat.—Associated Press.

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## Round France on an 1817 bicycle



Otto Plautz is making the circuit of the Tour de France cycle race on a "Safety Bicycle" built in 1817. He will win 1,000,000 francs but if he completes the round trip in under 10 months. He started on September 14 1949 and by last month he had reached Bordeaux, where he is seen with his strange steed.—Associated Press Photo.

## HO CHI-MINH EXPECTED TO VISIT MOSCOW

Saigon, February 15.

Ho Chi-minh, leader of nationalist forces in Indo-China, will visit Moscow soon, French sources predicted today.

Russia recently recognised Ho's Government, which is a rival to the French-supported Government of former Emperor Bao Dai which has been recognised by Britain and America.

Some French sources believe Ho is at present in China. The French Army has launched a large-scale military operation about 60 miles South-East of Hanoi aimed at driving Ho's forces from the area, which has about 500,000 people, French sources said.

These sources gave no details of the forces involved but said the offensive is going well. Ho's forces, keeping up their recent wave of hit and run attacks, ambushed a French convoy of 50 lorries and cars 24 miles North-East of Saigon, killing six persons and wounding 10.

About 100 of his guerrillas, armed with grenades and machine-guns, took part in the attack in which six lorries and a car were burned. A man, his wife and child were taken prisoner.

## France not alone

British and American recognition of the three states in Indo-China means that France no longer stands alone in her efforts to promote political stability in Indo-China.

The "Times" said today, the first time of defence for Siam, Malaya, Burma and even India against an aggressor and said that British and American recognition could also be taken as evidence of the fundamental solidarity of the Western powers in face of the Communist danger now threatening South-East Asia.

The nature and extent of the help that Britain and the U.S. can give to Bao Dai, the newspaper said, have still to be settled. Long-term assistance to raise the standards of the people, such as was foreshadowed in President Harry Truman's fourth point and in the Spender Plan put forward at Colombo, although of the greatest importance, cannot meet the present emergency.

Prompt financial and economic aid to the Vietnam Government is needed," the "Times" concluded, "so that Bao Dai's effective authority may be more rapidly extended over the country still terrorised by the Communist-inspired Viet Minh rebels."—Associated Press.

## ERP FUNDS FOR WEST GERMANY

Berlin, February 14.

West Berlin's sagging economy was bolstered by the release today of 100,000,000 West Marks in Marshall Plan counterpart funds by the German Federal Government.

The Economic Co-operation Administration (ECA) office in Berlin said that the release will bring about an increase in production and a decrease in unemployment in West Berlin by spring.—Associated Press.

## Rediffusion

7.00—Up With The Sun.  
7.15—Setting Up Exercises.  
7.30—Musical Clock.  
7.45—The Edison Lighter Prog.  
8.00—News and Weather Forecast.  
8.15—Rosario Band's Symphonies.  
9.00—Morning Music.  
9.30—Concert & Keyboard.  
10.00—Music For All.  
11.00—The Four Knights.  
11.15—Waltz Time.  
11.30—Parade of Rhythm.  
11.45—H.K. Rock Exchange.  
12.15—Tune Time.  
12.30—From The Films.  
1.00—Light Variety.  
1.15—News.  
1.30—Orchestra Of The Week.  
2.00—Variety Calls The Tune.  
4.00—Variety.  
4.15—Trombone.  
4.30—Jazzly Yours.  
5.00—Music Makers.  
5.15—Children's Corner.  
5.30—Movie Time.  
6.00—Music by Paul Weston.  
6.15—New Behind The Melody.  
6.30—Norman Coudler and his "Marmalade Music".  
7.00—B.B.C. News.  
7.15—Emile Achille.  
7.30—"Song Book".  
7.45—Listen to Libert.  
8.00—"Let's Waltz".  
8.15—The Sweetwood Serenades.  
8.30—Rediffusion Request Show.  
9.00—B.B.C. News.  
9.15—Local News.  
9.30—Ding Bings.  
9.45—Rediffusion Concert Hall.  
10.00—Murder Mystery Book.  
10.15—Feature Broadcast.  
11.30—Ray Martin & His Orchestra.  
11.45—Stardust.  
12.00—Close Down.

## GRACIE FIELDS IN NEW YORK

New York, February 14.

Gracie Fields, who arrived in New York in the Saturnia today, said of her husband, Monty Banks' death recently in Italy, "I cannot believe it yet."

Gracie, who said she is going to "work for my living as usual," will go to England in March and tour Canada in May and June.—Associated Press.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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| m.s. "TAIREA"   | due 14th Mar. | for Japan.                           |
| m.s. "BHIRALA"  | due 14th Mar. | from Calcutta via Rangoon & Straits. |
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### YESTERDAY

Yachow (H & S) for Yokohama.  
Herdia (Mac Mac) for Kobe.  
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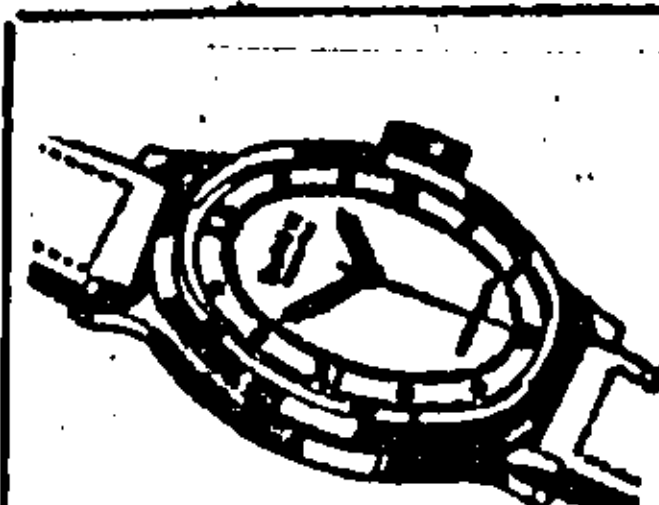
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## Tennis:

### Draw for Colony Grass-court Open Singles Championship

(By "ARGONAUT")

The Colony Grass-court Open Singles Championship for the 1950 season, begins at the Mong Kong Cricket Club courts on Monday, February 20.

This year's tournament attracted 42 entries in this event as compared to 48 last year.

Ip Koon-hung, the holder will be defending his title and hand drawn a bye in the first round. He meets Tsui Ping-fang in the second round.

Tsui Wai-pul, last year's runner-up and previous holder of the title, will be making another bid for the title. Seeded No. 2, he has also drawn a bye, meeting H. Fong in the second round.

The other two seeded players are Edwin Tsai and Tsui Yung-pul. Although Tsai is a newcomer to the grass-court tournament, he has already gained prominence in the recent hardcourt Open Championships, when he lost to Tsui Wai-pul in the semi-final. With Ip as his partner, he is co-holder of the Hardcourt Doubles title.

Among the interesting games in the first round, are those in which the three promising young players of the Colony, Benzin Saw, and the two Lo brothers, Norman and David, are contestants.

#### Schoolboy champion

Benzin the Schoolboy champion who extended Edwin Tsai in the Hardcourt tournament, is unlucky to have drawn Tsui Yung-pul in the first round, but is expected to give a good account of himself against the veteran.

Norman meets Choy Tin-wah, another youthful player and with both evenly matched, this should prove to be the best game in this round.

Donald will have as his opponent the current Army champion, Lt. Col. J. W. Spence, and although the odds are against him, there is no telling what a young Lo can do when his drives find their mark.

#### The draw

The following is the full draw: Top Section: Byes (Second round): Ip Koon-hung v Tsui Ping-fang, Fan, A. J. Doyle v G. F. E. Wagner, J. D. Mackie v Capt. J. A. Stewart, Ip Cheng-hing v George Chao, H. A. Ayres v Wong Shek-man Ho Ka-lau (meets winner of J. V. Sellers v C. Y. Wong).

First Round: F. V. Sellers v C. Y. Wong, F. R. Zimmerman v Patrick Wong, George Lin v Eddie Chan, Lee Wai-tong v T. E. Baker, R. Y. K. Ng v Edwin Tsai.

Bottom Section: First Round: Tsui Yung-pul v Benzin Saw, Choy Tin-wah v Norman Lo, Wong Chun-fai v Au Kam-mo, Donald Lo v Lt. Col. J. W. Spence, Roch Liang v J. B. Hawthorn.

Byes (Second round): F. H. Kwok (meets winner of Roch Liang v J. B. Hawthorn), Moh Chan v J. A. Furrer, Fritz Lin v Choy Tin-wah, Thomas Lo v S. K. Wong, Henry Lee v Chan Fook-hoi, B. Fong v Tsui Wai-pul.

Competitors in the tournament are requested to note that:

### Starting times at Fanling

The following are the starting times on the Old Course at Fanling tomorrow:

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| 9.15  | D.L. Anderson—P.M. Cotton |
| 9.20  | R.A. Crawford—J.W. Clague |
| 9.25  | A.H. de Pina—L.L. Shaw    |
| 9.30  | E.R. Hudson—K.H. Shaw     |
| 9.35  | P.J. de Mota—H.H. Wilber  |
| 9.40  | H. Gordon—E. White        |
| 9.45  | R. Barton—W. Bonavent     |
| 9.50  | F.D. Hunter—G.D. Carter   |
| 9.55  | R.D. Bell—F. de Jong      |
| 10.00 | W.M. Snelley—J. Meaker    |
| 10.05 | G.H. Gallop—J.F. Lynch    |
| 10.10 | F. Rodgers—J.E. Anderson  |
| 10.15 | A. Larocque—W.A. Nicholas |
| 10.20 | J. Ford—G.H.S. Thompson   |
| 10.25 | W.D. Day—J.B. Barry       |
| 10.30 | K.T. Walden—A.H. Coleman  |
| 10.35 | C.J. Kettle—O.E. Hayes    |
| 10.40 | A.E. Lissman—P.K. Wallace |
| 10.45 | H.S. Lee—J.L. MacIntyre   |

### SING TAO TO TOUR SINGAPORE AND MALAYA

Singapore, February 15. The Sing Tao soccer team of Hong Kong hope to make a tour of Singapore and the Federation of Malaya this year, according to the Straits Times. Arrangements are now being made for the tour.

Sing Tao last came here in 1937 when they played a series of games in Singapore and the Federation and created a fine impression—Reuter.

**BURMA FOOTBALL TEAM FETTER**  
Members of the Burma Football team, with officials were fettered at a dinner given in their honour by Mr. Aw Boon-haw at the Luna Park Skyroom last night.

### INTERPORT HOCKEY TRIAL

The intermentioned players are requested to attend at the Reclio Ground for a Hockey Interport Trial on Monday, February 20. Bully-off at 5.00 p.m. sharp.

Players named should wear the appropriate shirts, but it is requested that all players also provide themselves with a white and a coloured shirt.

All players named, including reserves are assured of a game and it is hoped that all named can attend.

Anybody whose name does appear and who cannot play in this match, is requested to telephone G. T. Palmer, 2781 (business hours) or 28244 (after office hours).

If unable to contact Mr. Palmer, please telephone J. Blinco, telephone No. 31111 during business hours.

Teams are as follows—

Whites: Helings (Commando); Nery (Rec); Webb (KITC); Morsch (Army); Reed (Rec); Bhagat Singh (KITC); B. Gosano (Rec); McKenzie (Army); Gardener (Army); Rull (Nomads); Humphreys (Army).

Colours: Souza (KITC); Trace (Commando); Sturges (Commando); Halgh (Navy); FitzGibbon (Army); Matthews (Navy); McMullen (RAF); G. Gosano (Rec); Shallow (Commando); Daniel (Army); L. Gutierrez (KITC).

Reserves (who are assured of a knock-out): Yusuf (Police); A. Marquet (Rec); Tony Alves (Rec); Dayle (RAF); A. J. Remedios (Centre Half Rec. B.);

**BASKETBALL**

In a fast and exciting basketball game at the Chinese YMCA Bridges Street, last night, the Wah Yan Schoolboys' team defeated the quintet from the USS Boxer by 66 points to 58.

Barlow was outstanding for the American Sailors and was the scores with 22 points, while the Schoolboys worked excellently together as a team. Chan Wah-chee scored 22 points while Ng Yuk-man tallied 20 points.

Friday:  
Court 1: J. D. Mackie v Capt. J. A. Stewart.  
Court 2: Ip Cheng-hing v George Chao.  
Court 3: H. A. Ayres v Wong Shek-man.  
Court 4: Mohan Chan v J. A. Furrer.  
Court 5: Fritz Lin v Choy Tin-wah.  
Court 6: Thomas Lo v S. K. Wong.

## Fourth Test:

### Australia's run of victories halted

Johannesburg, February 14.

South Africa halted Australia's run of six successive Test victories against them when the fourth Test ended here today in a draw. Australia had won the first three Tests in this series and the last three in 1935-36.

South Africa saved the follow-on today when they took their overnight first-innings score of 275 for seven to 352 and forced Australia to bat a second time.

Australia, who made 465 for eight declared in their first innings, scored 259 for two wickets in their second knock when the match ended in a draw.

Jack Moroney followed up his first innings score of 118 with 101 not out and became the first Australian to score two separate hundreds in a Test match against South Africa.

It was Moroney's sixth first-class century of the tour and his third in the Test. He scored 178 in the second Test and 161 not out in the third.

Moroney and the left-hander, Neil Harvey (100), added 170 runs in two hours, 15 minutes for the second wicket. Moroney's was a stolid effort of three and three-quarters hours, which included seven fours, whereas Harvey attacked the bowling and hit 15 fours.

Keith Miller induced some life into the dying game by slashing two sixes and four fours in an unfinished 33.

**Farical end**  
The match ended on a farical note when Nourse and Eric Rowan, bowled the last overs and the field crowded round the batsman. Miller held his bat upside down when facing Nourse.

Of the 20 Tests between the two countries, Australia has won 21 and South Africa one, with six drawn. South Africa's last Test was at Adelaide in 1910-11, when the late Dave Nourse, father of the present South African skipper, played a big part.

Six matches remain to complete the Australian tour, including the final Test at Port Elizabeth and the last game against a South African XI at Johannesburg from March 17 to 20.

Members of the Burma Football team, with officials were fettered at a dinner given in their honour by Mr. Aw Boon-haw at the Luna Park Skyroom last night.

## Home soccer:

### Derby favoured to beat Arsenal

(By "ALBION")

Home Soccer reverts to a full league programme this week and there are some highly interesting games to be contested.

In Division I, Highbury, Roker Park and Molenaux Park are the venues for what would appear to be the classics of this league.

At Highbury, Derby County are guests of the Gunners and a ding dong struggle will undoubtedly ensue.

Derby would seem to revel on the billiard-like surface of the Arsenal stadium, in that they have dropped only one point there since the 1938-1939 season.

A Derby victory is again predicted for the forthcoming match. Sunderland play hosts to Manchester United at Roker Park and a fine game should be witnessed.

Sunderland's much improved form in league games would suggest a Home win here, bearing in mind also that the United have a mid-week Cup replay game with Portsmouth.

## RACE HANDICAPS

The following are Handicaps for the Second Race Meeting on February 25—

1.—Phoenix Park Handicap. 1st Sec. Class 5. From 2 Mps. Al Fresco 150, Ballarina 140, Betty Lou 144, Coogee 150, Estrellita 148, Good News 159, Green Velvet 132, Happy Farmers 138, Jetfire 150, Malahna 140, National Glory 135, Pinkie 142, Reputation 150, Trigger 152.

2.—Hurst Park Handicap. (1st Section) Class 3. 6 Furlongs. Aan Hing 152, Harmony 152, King of Peace 143, Lady Gloucester 145, Lana 141, Noonday Sun 141, Pegasus 145, Red Fox 150, Sportsmaster 149, The Stranger 149.

3.—Doncaster Stakes 1955. Ponies. 1 Mile. Acquisition 150, Ben More 150, Diamond, Queen 150, Glamour Butterfly 150, Ironside 150, Owzai 150, Sandie 150, Silver Fox 150, Thunderjet 150, Wonderful Coin 150.

4.—Lingfield Park Handicap (1st Sec.) Class 5. 6 Furlongs. Battledore 149, Baylight 149, Canadian Pato 150, Chelsea 153, Fleeta 143, Jasmia 144, Jeep Hing 155, Nervous Witness 155, Pegasus 148, Popularity 155, Powerhouse 142, The Tigriss 154.

5.—Newmarket Handicap 1955. Ponies. From 2 Mps. Apple Pie 140, Crutcheon 147, Boniface 137, Clopatra 150, Confeckle 158, Collin 141, Damiel 135, Dante 140, Forward View 152, Hellzapoppin 150, Hopper 142, Lawrence 150, Prestwood 153, Strato cruiser 153, Tiny Grey 148.

6.—Hurst Park Handicap (2nd Section) Class 8. 6 Furlongs. Ascot Beauty 140, Empress of Peace 148, Enry Foot 146, Flyin Arrow 135, Lili Marlene 149, Lucky Strike 159, Mix 137, My Love 148, V.I.P. 155.

7.—Lingfield Park Handicap. (2nd Sec.) Class 5. 6 Furlongs. Autumn Leaf 154, Desert Knight 143, Dig'em 150, Good Ship 154, Hingrid 145, Justice 145, Lili Marlene 149, National 140, Penforce 145, Prince Delight 154, Rasher 156, Southeast Wind 144, Tootsie 140, Victorious 137.

8.—Ascot Stakes 1955 Ponies. 1 Mile. Battledore 150, Courageous 150, Desert Gold 150, Fair Denise 150, Fair Day 150, Gilt Edge 150, Gold Bell 150, Gold Leaf 150, Hingrid 150, High Straight 150, Hung Fa 150, Kitty 150, Krzy Kat 150, Mifnya Mimfya 150, National Incom 150, Norse Lady 150, Parfide Moon (late Rainbow) 150, Pure Gold 150, Rowena 150, Strawberry Fool 150, Sungle 150, Tarzan 150, True Love 150, Uncle Eric 150, Uncle Willie 150, Winged Wonder 150, Wonderful 150, Xerxes 150.

9.—Lingfield Park Handicap. (3rd Sec.) Class 5. 6 Furlongs. Boom Town 142, Castle 143, Colonia 156, Countess Delight 148, Dashing Beauty 11, 145 Flying Jib 155, Kwong Yiu 149, Liberator Star 154, Lightning 146, National Star 154, Priority 143, Trade Wind 154, Treasurer 155.

10.—Phoenix Park Handicap (2nd Sec.) Class 8. From 2 Mps. Ame. Clipper 150, Brodie 150, Busted Straight 144, Fat Choy 146, Happy Day 145, Hongkong Maiden 142, Jeep Beauty 139, Liberty Diamond 149, Pearl Bridge 145, Shepherd 146, Sider 149, Stirling Castle 152, Sulphur 149, Topaz 148.

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12.—Phoenix Park Handicap (4th Sec.) Class 8. From 2 Mps. Ame. Clipper 150, Brodie 150, Busted Straight 144, Fat Choy 146, Happy Day 145, Hongkong Maiden 142, Jeep Beauty 139, Liberty Diamond 149, Pearl Bridge 145, Shepherd 146, Sider 149, Stirling Castle 152, Sulphur 149, Topaz 148.

13.—Phoenix Park Handicap (5th Sec.) Class 8. From 2 Mps. Ame. Clipper 150, Brodie 150, Busted Straight 144, Fat Choy 146, Happy Day 145, Hongkong Maiden 142, Jeep Beauty 139, Liberty Diamond 149, Pearl Bridge 145, Shepherd 146, Sider 149, Stirling Castle 152, Sulphur 149, Topaz 148.

14.—Phoenix Park Handicap (6th Sec.) Class 8. From 2 Mps. Ame. Clipper 150, Brodie 150, Busted Straight 144, Fat Choy 146, Happy Day 145, Hongkong Maiden 142, Jeep Beauty 139, Liberty Diamond 149, Pearl Bridge 145, Shepherd 146, Sider 149, Stirling Castle 152, Sulphur 149, Topaz 148.

15.—Phoenix Park Handicap (7th Sec.) Class 8. From 2 Mps. Ame. Clipper 150, Brodie 150, Busted Straight 144, Fat Choy 146, Happy Day 145, Hongkong Maiden 142, Jeep Beauty 139, Liberty Diamond 149, Pearl Bridge 145, Shepherd 146, Sider 149, Stirling Castle 152, Sulphur 149, Topaz 148.

16.—Phoenix Park Handicap (8th Sec.) Class 8. From 2 Mps. Ame. Clipper 150, Brodie 150, Busted Straight 144, Fat Choy 146, Happy Day 145, Hongkong Maiden 142, Jeep Beauty 139, Liberty Diamond 149, Pearl Bridge 145, Shepherd 146, Sider 149, Stirling Castle 152, Sulphur 149, Topaz 148.

17.—Phoenix Park Handicap (9th Sec.) Class 8. From 2 Mps. Ame. Clipper 150, Brodie 150, Busted Straight 144, Fat Choy 146, Happy Day 145, Hongkong Maiden 142, Jeep Beauty 139, Liberty Diamond 149, Pearl Bridge 145, Shepherd 146, Sider 149, Stirling Castle 152, Sulphur 149, Topaz 148.

18.—Phoenix Park Handicap (10th Sec.) Class 8. From 2 Mps. Ame. Clipper 150, Brodie 150, Busted Straight 144, Fat Choy 146, Happy Day 145, Hongkong Maiden 142, Jeep Beauty 139, Liberty Diamond 149, Pearl Bridge 145, Shepherd 146, Sider 149, Stirling Castle 152, Sulphur 149, Topaz 148.

19.—Phoenix Park Handicap (11th Sec.) Class 8. From 2 Mps. Ame. Clipper 150, Brodie 150, Busted Straight 144, Fat Choy 146, Happy Day 145, Hongkong Maiden 142, Jeep Beauty 139, Liberty Diamond 149, Pearl Bridge 145, Shepherd 146, Sider 149, Stirling Castle 152, Sulphur 149, Topaz 148.

20.—Phoenix Park Handicap (12th Sec.) Class 8. From 2 Mps. Ame. Clipper 150, Brodie 150, Busted Straight 144, Fat Choy 146, Happy Day 145, Hongkong Maiden 142, Jeep Beauty 139, Liberty Diamond 149, Pearl Bridge 145, Shepherd 146, Sider 149, Stirling Castle 152, Sulphur 149, Topaz 148.

## Yachting jottings:

### La Linda wins fifth Corinthian Series race

(By "MAINSHEET BLOCK")

The week-end races were sailed in very light and patchy winds, which led to the complete abandonment of several of the races.

For the fifth and last race of the Dragon Corinthian series on Saturday, a strong ebb tide in addition to the light and patchy South West wind, made conditions particularly difficult.

With only a few points difference between the two leading boats and a thousand points between them and the rest of the fleet, the final fight for the Cup was between Pict Hein and Ecstasy.

Seven Dragons started and there was plenty of work setting spinnakers, gybing and re-gybing, while trying to guess when the next puff of wind was coming.

Spinnakers were kept flying past P.H.O. to Kowloon Rock, first rounded by Pict Hein followed closely by Ecstasy, Blue Wanderer and a little later by La Linda and the rest of the fleet.

On the beat out of Kowloon Bay, Ecstasy caught up with Pict Hein and both boats sailed into the ebb tide which was sweeping down the harbour.

Blue Wanderer took the same course but La Linda followed closely by Ecstasy, Blue Wanderer and a little later by La Linda and the rest of the fleet.

In the light air, Ecstasy gained a comfortable lead on Pict Hein. In fact, too long a lead, for she found good start of wind which brought her within 100 yards of the line where she lay becalmed in a strong tide.

Pict Hein meanwhile followed La Linda towards Kowloon and so kept the wind till she got up tide of the line, when she cut across to round the distance mark half a minute behind La Linda.

Tromp came next, while Ecstasy was still a short distance down tide, had to tack several times to make the line.

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### RASC cricket XI

The following have been selected to represent RASC in a cricket match to be played against RASC on Sunday, February 19, commencing at 1.45 p.m. at King George V School (near 27 Coy Location).

Capt. C. K. Paulger (Capt.) (27 Coy), Capt. P. L. Trapply (27 Coy), Lieut. E. A. S. Gylis (1874 Water Flt), G/Sgt. Hainsworth (Army Fire Brigade), S. Q. M. S. Cox (DID Victoria), Sgt. Brooks (C Coy), Sgt. Heslin (27 Coy), Pte. Wardle (27 Coy), Cpl. Powell (K Coy), Cpl. Tyrell (8 Coy), Sgt. Kelly (27 Coy).

Umpire: Pte. Kilshaw (27 Coy). 12th Man: Cpl. Chew (27 Coy). Scorer: Sgt. Edgley (27 Coy).

**COLONY CIVILIAN CRICKET XI**  
The following have been invited to represent the Colony Civilian XI in a cricket match against the Combined Services on Saturday and Sunday next, February 18 and 19, at the Hong Kong Cricket Club ground, Chater Road, at 11 a.m.

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